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Tesla CEO Elon Musk offers to buy Twitter outright for $43 billion. **News, Page 8**

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EAST HARTFORD

Marina could be a catalyst

Goodwin, city officials hope $4.5 million project is initial step toward revitalization of waterfront

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Looking along the undeveloped bank of the Connecticut River at Goodwin University, Mayor Michael Walsh said Thursday that a new marina there will launch a transformation of East Hartford's waterfront.

"It's the first step in a much larger plan to make the river accessible, to make East Hartford more of a destination," said Walsh, who suggested the marina one day might host a ferry connecting to Hartford's convention center.

At a morning news conference with Walsh and Gov. Ned Lamont, Goodwin President Mark Scheinberg said Goodwin is looking for the marina to be a catalyst for broad-scale development, including restaurants, retail, apartments and possibly a hotel.

Connecticut this month decided to put $2 million toward the $4.5 million marina, and Lamont said it will pay dividends through economic development.

"These are the type of public sector investments that make an enormous difference for our state and East Hartford," Lamont said. "I can't wait to come here, buy a boat and grab a drink right down this way in a couple of years."

East Hartford is putting in

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WHO'S PAYING?
The state is putting $2 million toward the $4.5 million marina, East Hartford is chipping in $250,000 from a pool of federal aid, and Goodwin University is paying $1.5 million as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in electrical work, lighting and other services.

'AN ESSENTIAL RIGHT'

Physicians, activists urge lawmakers to extend HUSKY insurance to kids without documentation — noting that failure to provide preventive care comes with a cost



Health care providers, members of the Center for Children's Advocacy and the HUSKY for Immigrants Coalition gather at the state Capitol on Thursday to deliver support of HUSKY expansion to Connecticut residents regardless of immigration status. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

By Alex Putterman | Hartford Courant

Dr. Heidi Zapata knows what it's like to be a young child without the correct immigration documentation — including when it comes time to receive health care.

"I remember my family paying out of pocket, for medicines, pediatrician visits, hospital stays," said Zapata, who was undocumented until age 12. "I remember my mother saving up for the birth of my youngest sister and praying that she didn't have complications because we couldn't afford it."

Now an infectious disease specialist at Yale Medicine, Zapata is one of more than 400 Connecticut physicians who have signed a letter urging state legislators to expand eligibility for public health insurance, or HUSKY, to all children regardless of immigration status.

"Access to health care is an essential right, and I'm heartbroken when this essential right is denied to children in our state," Dr. Molly Markowitz, a pediatric hospitalist at Yale Medicine, said at a

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"When children are waiting in the emergency department for days to get a bed ... then we are failing as a society."

—State Sen. Saud Anwar



Anthony Todt was sentenced to four consecutive life terms without the possibility of parole. **RICARDO RAMIREZ BUXEDA/ ORLANDO SENTINEL**

Todt found guilty in killings

Judge calls man with Connecticut ties 'a destroyer of worlds'

By Monivette Cordeiro
Orlando Sentinel

A jury found former Connecticut physical therapist Anthony Todt guilty of first-degree murder Thursday for killing his wife, children and dog at their Central Florida home in 2020.

After more than six hours of deliberations, jurors reached a unanimous verdict after being deadlocked at one point.

Todt, 46, shook his head in shock as the verdict was read.

He was convicted on four counts of first-degree murder and one count of animal cruelty in the killings of 42-year-old Megan Todt; the couple's children Alek, 13, Tyler, 11, and Zoe, 4; and their dog Breezy.

Circuit Judge Keith A. Carsten called Todt a

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian warship sinks in Black Sea

Moscow admits fire on board; Kyiv says missiles hit vessel

By Adam Schreck
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — The flagship of Russia's Black Sea fleet, a guided-missile cruiser that became a potent target of Ukrainian defiance in the opening days of the war, sank Thursday after it was heavily damaged in the latest setback for Moscow's invasion.

Ukrainian officials said their forces hit the vessel with missiles, while Russia acknowledged a fire aboard the Moskva but no attack. U.S. and other Western officials could not confirm what caused the blaze.

The loss of the warship named for the Russian capital is a devastating symbolic defeat for Moscow as its troops regroup for a renewed offensive in eastern Ukraine after retreating from much of the north, including the capital, Kyiv.

The Russian Defense Ministry said the ship sank in a storm

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A police officer walks Thursday on the rubble of a destroyed house in Bohdanivka, northeast of Kyiv, Ukraine. **GETTY-AFP**

State's virus positivity rate at highest level in months

As the BA.2 subvariant of COVID-19 spreads through the Northeast, Connecticut continues to see rising levels of cases and hospitalizations, state numbers show. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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"destroyer of worlds" and imposed four consecutive sentences of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"Not one of those lives was less valuable than the other," Carsten said.

Despite the guilty verdict, Todt maintained his innocence and continued to blame his wife for the killings, saying he was not there the night they died.

"I loved my wife. I loved my kids," he told the judge. "They were first and foremost in my life. I did not do this. I provided for my wife. I provided for kids. I did everything I could."

Megan Todt's aunt, Cynthia Kopko, in a victim's statement to the judge, described her niece and children as loving people. Not only has her family suffered, but Kopko said the neighborhood kids who played with the Todt children have also been traumatized and ask if their fathers will kill them, too.

"Tony crushed his whole family by doing this," Kopko said. "Everybody was mortified."

Family back in Connecticut reacted as they watched the verdict come in via a livestream.

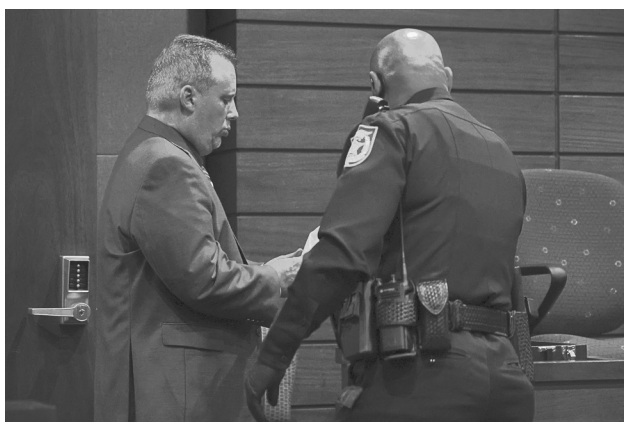
Stewart Peil, Megan Todt's uncle and Kopko's husband, started to cry in the moments after Todt was sentenced, remembering the last time he saw his family alive.

The Todts had rented a lake house in Montville for a summer visit to Connecticut, he said — a vast property formerly home to a Boy Scouts camp. They swam in the pool, played games and enjoyed what none of them knew would be their last moments together as a family.

"That was it, that's the last time we saw them," he said.

During that visit, about six months before the murders, Megan Todt seemed happy and healthy, Peil said.

"She was fine, the kids were fine, everyone was fine," he said. In his letters from jail and during his testimony statements in court after the verdict came back, Anthony Todt painted a picture of a woman so sick and weak that she couldn't walk upstairs to bed alone, or care for herself.



Anthony Todt wipes his hands after being fingerprinted at the conclusion of his trial at the Osceola County Courthouse in Florida on Thursday. Todt, a Connecticut physical therapist, was found guilty of the 2020 killings of his wife, children and dog at their central Florida home. **RICARDO RAMIREZ BUXEDA/ ORLANDO SENTINEL**

He also said she killed their children and stabbed herself twice.

Megan Todt had been sick at one point, said her uncle, but not in recent years.

"She was very sick ten years ago but she was treated and she was fine and she recovered," he said. "Every time I saw her she was fine. There was never any indication that she was frail or weak. This whole story that she was an invalid that he had to take care of, wasn't true with me."

As he watched the trial from his home, Peil said he watched the man he once considered a part of his closest family weave together a story that didn't make sense to him.

Since the murders, and Todt's claims of innocence via letters from jail, Peil said he and his wife's questions about Todt's account of the murders only grew and grew. They had no knowledge of Megan being sick, no knowledge of apocalypse fears or suicide pacts.

"It didn't make any sense to Cindy and I and apparently it didn't make sense to the jury, either," he said.

Peil said he thinks Todt's world started to crumble about six years ago and then became more unmanageable when Megan Todt and the children moved to Florida.

"I think he blamed his family for a lifestyle that he couldn't maintain," he said.

"I wish he had gone to them and told them that they would need to live within their means," he said. But instead, Todt started taking out loans and allegedly funneling money through a healthcare fraud scheme.

"His solution was, instead, to end everything . To end everything for them because I think in his mind he was stealing from Medicare for them," he said. Todt has not yet been tried in court for the alleged healthcare fraud charges.

Peil said that hearing the jury return all guilty verdicts and sentence him to more than life in prison offered a semblance of justice for him and his remaining family.

"It's good to know that he'll be held accountable for the rest of his life," said Peil.

"For the rest of his life he'll know that he wiped out his family because his business failed and he couldn't handle telling them that his business failed, that they would have to start over."

Before the jury began deliberating, prosecutors told them Todt wanted "control" over not only the lives of his family but also their deaths.

After killing his wife, three children and dog, Todt used their phones to tell their relatives they were all sick, Assistant State Attorney Danielle Pinnell said. When Todt's sister asked law enforcement to check on the family, she got a text from Megan Todt's phone about believing in the apocalypse.

"How did she learn about this information? From the defendant," Pinnell told jurors during Todt's trial at the Osceola County Courthouse. "Because we already know Megan's dead."

The prosecutor said Todt was deceptive after law enforcement found the bodies to maintain control, pretending his wife was sleeping and his kids were away. When he confessed to the killings in an interview with detectives, Todt told them he and his wife believed "they bring their children into this world, they should get to decide when they leave," Pinnell said.

"[Todt] wanted control over the lives of his kids and over the life of Megan," she said.

His attorneys, though, argued Todt's initial confession to killing his family contradicts evidence from a medical examiner and toxicologist. Todt described how he stabbed and smothered his children one by one, but the medical examiner said stab wounds on two children happened after their deaths.

"The state is essentially picking and choosing when they want you to believe Mr. Todt and when they don't," Assistant Public Defender Alesha Smith said.

Smith said law enforcement did little to corroborate Todt's initial confession, including finding blood evidence in any rooms where the killings happened.

"We don't see any phone searches," Smith said. "We don't see any Google searches. ... [The detective] took Mr. Todt at his word and decided, 'Hey, my job is done.' "

Todt's father, Bob Todt, also watched the live stream of the trial, from his home in Massachusetts. He had once been estranged from his son for years, but the two had been speaking regularly since his son's arrest.

Bob Todt said he worries that the jury "hung so much on the confessions." Confessions he thinks should have been thrown out because of his son's mental state at the time he made them — he'd been admitted to a hospital for mental health care under the Baker Act during at least one of the confessions, which the judge didn't allow to be heard by the jury.

Judge Carsten also ruled that the jury wouldn't hear about the state of Todt's mental health. A decision Bob Todt thinks led to his son's conviction.

"I think the blocking of his mental capacity was a killer," he said Thursday, minutes after he learned his son had been found guilty.

"I don't know how I'm going to deal with this," he said.

Authorities discovered Todt living with his family's blanket-wrapped decomposing bodies Jan. 13, 2020, while serving a warrant to arrest him on federal health care fraud charges related to his Connecticut physical therapy business. Megan Todt and her three children had been dead for "at least a couple weeks" before they were found, according to a medical examiner.

After his arrest, Todt told detectives he and his wife had an agreement to kill their family, prosecutors said.

"Everybody needed to die in order to pass over to the other side together because the apocalypse was coming," Pinnell told jurors in the trial's opening statements.

Todt said he and his wife spoke to their children about killing themselves.

"We don't want you to die," Todt claimed his kids said. "We want to die with you."

Jurors watched a video of the interrogation, in which Todt described how suffocated his children one by one, then his wife after she failed to commit suicide by stabbing herself. The cause of death for all four victims was homicidal violence of "unspecified means" in association with a Benadryl toxicity, the medical examiner said.

Testifying in his own defense, Todt said his wife became fixated with reincarnation as her health declined and came to believe that if they "burned the family karma" in their current life, they would be reincarnated to a better life.

"Mr. Todt, what could have prevented Megan from killing her children?" Orange-Osceola Public Defender Bob Wesley asked his client.

"I have no idea," Todt testified. "We woke up that morning she was pain-free. Everything was good. ... That's the biggest thing that affects me. I didn't see this coming."

In the weeks after the slayings, Todt told jurors he tried to kill himself in a variety of ways, including overdosing on Benadryl, though he "chickened out" of using a knife. He claimed to have no recollection of his interviews with detectives, and only remembered falling and waking up in jail.

"My testimony today is the fact that Megan killed her kids and killed herself," he said.

Todt shed tears when questioned by his attorneys, but Pinnell said he became angry on the witness stand when she asked him to corroborate his version of events.

"He described himself as this loyal 'I'll do anything, I'll take the blame for Megan' man," Pinnell told jurors. "But something interesting that he said is, 'Megan killed her kids.' Not our kids. Not my kids. Her kids."

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Tonight's est. Mega Millions jackpot: $20 million
Saturday's est. Powerball jackpot: $325 million



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Lamont expresses alarm after seizure of 'ghost guns'

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Standing in front of a stack of 3D printed "ghost guns" on Thursday afternoon, Gov. Ned Lamont applauded a monthslong investigation that led to the seizure of more than 100 guns, three bombs and nearly 40,000 rounds of ammunition in New Britain.

"Pictures do not do this seizure justice," said Lamont, pointing to the heap of illegal weapons piled up before him at the Connecticut Forensic Science Laboratory in Meriden. "This is shocking, this is a flea market of illegal guns."

Joined by members of the Connecticut State Police and James Rovella, commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Lamont noted that the haul — all seized from one New Britain property — included machine guns and a slew of fully and semi-automatic weapons, some fitted with grooves to fit silencers on them.

The governor said that the 3D printed guns weren't the type used for hunting.

"Nobody's going after birds with these," he said. "They're meant for a purpose, and it's a dangerous purpose."

The spike in ghost guns on the street is dangerous, illegal and alarming, Lamont said.

"We have more of these on the street today than we've ever had, in decades," he said.

Lamont applauded the collaborative effort by several law-enforcement agencies, including the Connecticut State Police statewide narcotics and organized crime task forces, the New Britain Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives on the seizure and arrest they made this week.

On Tuesday, police arrested 39-year-old Steven Gerent-Mastrianni of Hillhurst Avenue in New Britain.

In his house and cars, police found 125 guns, gun parts that would allow him to make firearms fully automatic and a 3D printer to make guns that can't be traced, as well as three homemade bombs, police said.

Gerent-Mastrianni — a pistol permit holder — was charged with nine counts each of sale of an assault weapon, weapon in a motor vehicle, illegal transfer of a long gun and illegal transfer of a manufactured firearm without a serial number. He also was charged with 19 counts of sale of large-capacity magazines and one count each of possession of an assault weapon and possession of a machine gun, police said.

He is being held in lieu of $500,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court in New Britain on May 10, according to court records.

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press briefing Thursday. "The way children live today will impact their life for years to come."

Thursday's press briefing was part of a weeklong mobilizing effort by HUSKY 4 Immigrants activists that began with a rally at the capitol and continued with events centered on affected children and parents. Advocates have spoken with key legislators including Speaker Matt Ritter, organizer Carolina Bartolleto said.

"We're asking that Connecticut's state officials prioritize immigrant futures and include healthcare for immigrants," Bartolleto said.

Whereas last year Connecticut's legislature expanded HUSKY eligibility to all children up to age 8 regardless of immigration status, advocates say that's not enough.

They say the state should raise the age to 18 this session and eventually allow immigrants of all ages to access HUSKY.

Though a bill that would have expanded HUSKY to all Connecticut children failed to pass out of the legislature's human services committee last month, supporters hope it will be included in a broader appropriations bill. Under a current proposal, HUSKY eligibility would be expanded to all children up to age 12, but not to those up to age 18 as activists propose.



Dr. Molly Markowitz, a pediatrician, speaks Thursday at the state Capitol to announce the delivery of a letter to legislators signed by more than 350 health care providers who back HUSKY expansion regardless of immigration status. **CLOE POISSON/ SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

State Sen. Saud Anwar, a leader within the Democratic caucus and also a practicing pulmonologist, was on hand Thursday to accept the signed letter from physicians and to speak in favor of expanding HUSKY benefits to all children.

"When children are waiting in the emergency department for days to get a bed, when children are reaching the point to be in the emergency department to get very basic care that wasn't provided early enough, then we are failing as a society," Anwar said. "We as a state can do better for our children."

In addition to what he called a "moral argument" in favor of providing health insurance to immigrant children, Anwar pointed to a financial case for the legislation, noting that failure to provide patients with preventative care can lead to bloated healthcare costs later on when they develop seriously health issues.

Several of the doctors on hand Thursday discussed their personal experience with immigrant children lacking documentation, describing how small health issues had spiraled into larger ones due to lack of care.

"I've cared for undocumented patients who came to the hospital with advanced presentation of illnesses because they could not obtain preventative care or earlier treatment due to lack of health insurance," said Dr. Jemma Benson, an internal medicine specialist at Yale New Haven Health.

"As a physician it is deeply upsetting to see a very ill or dying patient and know that their illness could have been prevented if they had health insurance," Benson said.

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while being towed to a port. Russia earlier said the flames on the ship, which would typically have 500 sailors on board, forced the entire crew to evacuate. It later said the blaze had been contained and that the ship would be towed to port with its missile launchers intact.

The ship had the capacity to carry 16 long-range cruise missiles, and its removal reduces Russia's firepower in the Black Sea. It's also a blow to Russian prestige in a war already widely seen as a historic blunder.

Now entering its eighth week, Russia's invasion has stalled because of resistance from Ukrainian fighters bolstered by weapons and other aid sent by Western nations.

During the first days of the war, the Moskva was reportedly the warship that called on Ukrainian soldiers stationed on Snake Island in the Black Sea to surrender. In a widely circulated recording, a soldier responds: "Russian warship, go (expletive) yourself."

The Associated Press could not independently verify the incident, but Ukraine and its supporters consider it an iconic moment of defiance. The country recently unveiled a postage stamp commemorating it.

The news of the flagship's damage overshadowed Russian claims of advances in the southern port city of Mariupol, where they have been battling the Ukrainians since the early days of the invasion in some of the heaviest fighting of the war at a horrific cost to civilians.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said Wednesday that 1,026 Ukrainian troops surrendered at a metals factory in the city. But Vadym Denysenko, adviser to Ukraine's interior minister, rejected the claim, telling Current Time TV that "the battle over the seaport is still ongoing today."

It was unclear how many forces were still defending Mariupol.

Mariupol has been the scene of the some the war's worst suffering. Dwindling numbers of Ukrainian defenders are holding out against a Russian siege that has trapped well over 100,000 civilians in desperate need of food, water and heating.

The mayor said Monday that more than 10,000 civilians have died in the siege, and that the death toll could surpass 20,000. Weeks of attacks and privation left bodies "carpeted through the streets," he said.

Mariupol's capture is critical for Russia because it would allow its forces in the south, which came up through the annexed Crimean Peninsula, to fully link up with troops in the eastern Donbas region, Ukraine's industrial heartland and the target of the coming offensive.

The Russian military continues to move helicopters and other equipment together for such an effort, according to a senior U.S. defense official, and it will likely add more ground combat units "over coming days." But it's still unclear when Russia could launch a bigger offensive in the Donbas.

Moscow-backed separatists have been battling Ukraine in the Donbas since 2014, the same year Russia seized Crimea. Russia has recognized the independence of the rebel regions in the Donbas.

The loss of the Moskva could delay any new, wide-ranging offensive.

Maksym Marchenko, the governor of the Odesa region, across the Black Sea to the northwest of Sevastopol, said the Ukrainians struck the ship with two Neptune missiles and caused "serious damage."

Russia's Defense Ministry said ammunition on board detonated as a result of a fire, without saying what caused the blaze. It said the "main missile weapons" were not damaged. In addition to the cruise missiles, the warship also had air-defense missiles and other guns.

The Neptune is an anti-ship missile that was recently developed by Ukraine and based on an earlier Soviet design. The launchers are mounted on trucks stationed near the coast, and, according to the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, the missiles can hit targets up to 175 miles away. That would have put the Moskva within range, based on where it was when the fire began.

Other Russian ships that were also in the northern Black Sea moved farther south after the Moskva caught fire, said a senior U.S. defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal military assessments.

Before the Moskva sank, Yuriy Sak, an adviser to Ukraine's defense minister, told The Associated Press its removal would mean " we can only have a sigh of relief because this means that fewer missiles will reach Ukrainian cities."

The U.S. was not able to confirm Ukraine's claims of striking the warship, U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Thursday. Still, he called it "a big blow to Russia."

"They've had to kind of choose between two stories: One story is that it was just incompetence, and the other was that they came under attack, and neither is a particularly good outcome for them," Sullivan told the Economic Club of Washington.

Also Thursday, Russian authorities accused Ukraine of sending two low-flying military helicopters across the border and firing on residential buildings in the village of Klimovo in Russia's Bryansk region, some 7 miles from the frontier. Russia's Investigative Committee said seven people, including a toddler, were wounded.

Russia's state security service had earlier said Ukrainian forces fired mortar rounds at a border post in Bryansk as refugees were crossing, forcing them to flee.

The reports could not be independently verified. Earlier this month, Ukrainian security officials denied that Kyiv was behind an air strike on an oil depot in the Russian city of Belgorod, some 35 miles from the border.

Marina

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$250,000 from a pool of federal aid, and Goodwin is putting up $1.5 million as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in electrical work, lighting and other services.

Walsh said a new marina capable of docking dozens of boats will reinvigorate the area.

"This will provide a new access point to the Connecticut River," he said. "Public access will be a priority.

"We will build upon existing trails, the East Coast Greenway and Great River Park. Exciting possibilities of [having] a water taxi or a ferry to the convention center — and a strong connection to Hartford — are before us."

The Goodwin development could mean major progress for East Hartford when combined with more than 400 apartments planned at the old Showcase Cinemas and National Development's proposed manufacturing and logistics center at the former Rentschler Field, Walsh said.

"We find ourselves on the cusp of great things," he said.

The state department of economic development granted the $2 million to East Hartford through its competitive Community Challenges grant program. More than 50 municipalities applied and only 12 were chosen.

"This project is going to create 30-plus boat slips, a lot of public access to the water, educational opportunities for Goodwin students as well as students throughout the region because there will be an aquatic research vessel here," said Alexandra Daum, deputy director of the DECD.

"Phase 2 will involve a hotel, possible mixed-use, additional vertical construction — it's really going to revitalize this area."

Goodwin began redeveloping once-polluted and abandoned industrial acreage along Riverside Drive more than a decade ago, and old oil tanks that once stood there are long gone.

The campus has grown to include trails and landscaped lawns, where residents from East Hartford and elsewhere frequently go for walks or to see the river.

Scheinberg said all of that started with a $3 million state brownfields grant in 2006, which has since been repaid.

"The place where everybody is standing right now was actually the inside of a million-gallon rusted-out tank that sat on exactly the ground we're standing on," Scheinberg said.

"So this place had to be cleaned up even to begin the process of creating a campus. Without that initial nudge from the state, none of this would have happened."



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Synthetic nicotine loophole closed

FDA now regulates line of e-cigs that appeal to teenagers

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. regulators will soon begin cracking down on vaping companies using a now-closed loophole, including a line of fruit-flavored e-cigarettes that have become teenagers' top choice.

Under a law that took effect Thursday, the Food and Drug Administration can regulate e-cigarettes and similar products that use synthetic nicotine.

The action targets Puff Bar and several other vaping companies that recently switched their formulas to laboratory-made nicotine to skirt FDA oversight.

The change will allow the FDA to "hold e-cigarette companies using synthetic nicotine to the same public health standards we've implemented for other tobacco products," FDA Commissioner Robert Califf said in a tweet Wednesday. Companies must now register with the FDA and submit their products for review within 30 days.

Puff Bar did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

The FDA's action does not ban Puff Bar and similar products. Instead it brings them under the same regulatory scheme as older e-cigarettes that derive their nicotine from tobacco.

"The synthetic nicotine products do not necessarily just disappear on their own," Robin Koval, chief executive of the Truth Initiative, an advocacy group that runs anti-tobacco ads. "The FDA will have to decide how they want to enforce the law and hopefully they will."



A teen vapes using a Puff Bar e-cigarette in Costa Mesa, California. Using synthetic nicotine had placed the company's products outside federal authority because they were not derived from tobacco. **JENNA SCHOENEFELD/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2020**

The FDA has been reviewing applications for a vast array of vaping devices, formulas and flavors rejecting more than 1 million, usually because of their potential appeal to youngsters. Anti-tobacco advocates hope the agency will quickly do the same for any applications submitted by Puff Bar and other manufacturers.

Nicotine, the chemical that makes smoking and vaping addictive, occurs naturally in tobacco plants.

The 2009 law that first gave the FDA oversight of cigarettes and related products only referred to tobacco-based nicotine. That left an opening for artificial nicotine, which is being used in e-cigarette liquids, nicotine pouches and other products.

Last month, Congress passed language clarifying that the FDA can regulate any form of nicotine, regardless of the source.

After appearing in 2019, Puff Bar has grown to become the most popular e-cigarette among teenagers, by far, sold in flavors like blueberry, strawberry banana and mango. Under FDA pressure, the company said it was halting sales in 2020, pulling its disposable vaping devices out of convenience stores, gas stations and vape shops.

Last February, the company announced a "fresh launch" of its colorful devices using synthetic nicotine. In marketing language, the company said its products "do not contain tobacco or anything derived from tobacco." That put Puff Bar in a legal gray area, because federal, state and local restrictions nearly always apply to tobacco-based products, not nicotine itself.

Stanford researchers last year found synthetic nicotine products for sale via online platforms that prohibit tobacco sales, such as Amazon, eBay and Target. Under the new law, synthetic nicotine will be subject to the same federal age limit and sales restrictions as other tobacco products.

Using synthetic nicotine is not a new idea. Tobacco companies experimented with chemically derived nicotine as early as the 1960s, but deemed it too expensive for mass production. Manufacturing advances in recent years finally made it a viable alternative to tobacco-derived nicotine.

A large government survey last year showed Puff Bar had leapfrogged over better-known brands to become the top choice among high schoolers who vape. Juul which is widely blamed for initially sparking the teen vaping trend was the fourth most popular brand.

In 2020, the FDA restricted flavors in cartridge-based e-cigarettes like Juul to just menthol and tobacco, which are generally preferred by adults. But the flavor ban didn't apply to disposable e-cigarettes like Puff Bar and other types of vaping devices.

Anti-tobacco groups worry that the FDA seems to consistently be one or two steps behind whichever products are making inroads among kids.

"The lesson we can all take away from this is that when the FDA's actions are incomplete and happen after the fact which has often been the case with e-cigarettes you will always be playing whack-a-mole and catch-up," Koval said.

Meanwhile, Juul will pay Washington state $22.5 million and has agreed to reforms to prevent underage use and sales under a settlement announced Wednesday by state Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

Ferguson filed a consumer protection lawsuit in September 2020, saying the country's largest e-cigarette company targeted underage consumers and deceived consumers about the addictiveness of its product.

Under the consent decree, Juul admitted no wrongdoing in settling the case, and in a statement called it "another step in our ongoing effort to reset our company and resolve issues from the past."

Dad presses for officer's identity in death of son

Family lawyer seeks firing, prosecution in Mich. shooting

By Anna Liz Nichols, David Eggert and Mike Householder
Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Peter Lyoya took his six children from Congo in 2014 to escape violence. Now he fears he brought them to the U.S. to die.

A Michigan police officer fatally shot his eldest son, 26-year-old Patrick, in the head this month following a traffic stop in Grand Rapids. Video shows a brief foot chase and struggle over the officer's Taser before the white officer shoots Patrick Lyoya as the Black man is face down on the ground.

Peter Lyoya talked with The Associated Press in his Lansing apartment and later at an emotional news conference in Grand Rapids on Thursday, a day after police released video of the fatal encounter.

Peter said he came to the U.S. to get away from prolonged civil unrest in which several rebel groups have vied for control of territories in mineral-rich eastern Congo. Patrick, who has two young children of his own, worked at an auto parts factory in Grand Rapids and would visit his siblings in Lansing on weekends, his father said.

"Patrick never had a problem with anybody," his dad said through an interpreter.

In the April 4 encounter, the officer repeatedly ordered Lyoya to "let go" of his Taser, at one point demanding: "Drop the Taser!"

Grand Rapids police Chief Eric Winstrom cited a need for transparency when releasing video collected from a passenger in the car Patrick Lyoya was driving, the officer's body camera, the officer's patrol car and a doorbell camera.

Winstrom did not identify the officer, a seven-year veteran who is on paid leave during the investigation.

"I view it as a tragedy," said Winstrom, a former high-ranking Chicago police commander who became Grand Rapids chief in March. The city of about 200,000 people is about 150 miles northwest of Detroit.

Lawyers for the Lyoya family said the officer should be prosecuted and fired.

"The video shows us that this is as mother and father have said — an execution. And there is no way to try to spin it or justify," civil rights attorney Ben Crump said.

Peter Lyoya also asked for police to release the officer's name.

He said Patrick's brothers and sisters want to know who killed him and would like to see his picture so they can know "this is the person that took our beloved one."

Video shows Patrick Lyoya running from the officer who stopped him for driving with a license plate that didn't belong to the vehicle. They struggled in front of several homes while Lyoya's passenger got out and watched.

Winstrom said the fight over the Taser lasted about 90 seconds.

In the final moments, the officer was on top of Lyoya, kneeling on his back at times.

"From my view of the video, Taser was deployed twice. Taser did not make contact," Winstrom told reporters. "And Mr. Lyoya was shot in the head. However, that's the only information that I have."

State police are investigating.

Kent County's chief medical examiner, Dr. Stephen Cohle, said he completed the autopsy but toxicology tests haven't been finished.

The traffic stop was tense from the start. Video shows Lyoya getting out of the car before the officer approached. He ordered Lyoya to get back in the vehicle, but the man declined.



Dorcas Lyoya, center, and Peter Lyoya mourn the death of their 26-year-old son, Patrick, at a news conference Thursday in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was killed April 4. **BILL PUGLIANO/GETTY**

The officer asked him if he spoke English and demanded his driver's license. Lyoya responded to the officer in English.

The foot chase began soon after.

Prosecutor Chris Becker will decide whether any charges are warranted but said the public shouldn't expect a quick decision.

While the videos "are an important piece of evidence, they are not all of the evidence," he added.

Lyoya's mother, Dorcas, told reporters that she thought the family was in a safe place after leaving Congo and was "astonished to see that my son has been killed with bullets."

"That was my beloved son. You know how you love your firstborn son," she said through an interpreter.

On Wednesday, several hundred protesters gathered outside the Grand Rapids Police Department following the release of the videos, with some cursing and shouting from behind barricades. The demonstration remained nonviolent.

As in many U.S. cities, Grand Rapids police have been occasionally criticized over the use of force, particularly against Black people, who make up 18% of the population.

In November, the Michigan Supreme Court heard arguments in a lawsuit over the practice of photographing and fingerprinting people who were never charged with a crime. Grand Rapids said the policy changed in 2015.



Defense attorney Mia Eisner-Grynberg cautions against "a rush to judgment." **MICHAEL M. SANTIAGO/GETTY**

Suspect in NYC subway attack ordered held without bail

By Tom Hays
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The man charged with opening fire on subway riders in Brooklyn was ordered held without bail Thursday at his first court appearance, where prosecutors told a judge he terrified all of New York City.

Brought into a Brooklyn federal court without handcuffs, Frank James, 62, softly answered standard questions about whether he understood the charges and the purpose of the hearing.

His lawyer later asked the public not to prejudge him.

James was arrested in Manhattan after calling a police tip line to say where he was Wednesday, a day after the nightmarish rush-hour attack left 10 people with gunshot wounds and countless others fearing for their safety on the nation's busiest subway system.

Authorities say he unleashed smoke bombs and dozens of bullets, in a train full of morning commuters.

He's charged with a federal terrorism offense that applies to attacks on mass transit systems — authorities say there's no evidence linking him to terror organizations and are still trying to derive a motive.

"The defendant terrifyingly opened fire on passengers on a crowded subway train, interrupting their morning commute in a way the city hasn't seen in more than 20 years," Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Winik said. "The defendant's attack was premeditated, was carefully planned and it caused terror among the victims and our entire city."

The 10 gunshot victims, who range in age from 16 to 60, are all expected to survive.

Outside the courtroom, defense attorney Mia Eisner-Grynberg cautioned against "a rush to judgment."

She noted that James alerted police to his whereabouts, 30 hours into a manhunt that included cellphone alerts to the general public.

She had agreed to his being held without bail, at least for now. His attorneys could seek bail later on.

At the request of James' lawyers, Magistrate Roanne Mann said she would ask for James to get "psychiatric attention" at the federal lockup in Brooklyn where he's being held.

James, a New York City native, had been living in Milwaukee and Philadelphia recently.

WORLD & NATION

Passover takes on a special meaning this year

For Jews fleeing Ukraine, biblical story hits home

By Deepa Bharath
Associated Press



Daria, 19, of Odesa, Ukraine, distributes tomatoes last week during preparations for Passover in Berlin. **MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP**

"Good morning! Happy morning!" Rabbi Avraham Wolff exclaimed, with a big smile, as he walked into the Chabad synagogue in Odesa on a recent morning.

Russian missiles had just struck an oil refinery in the Ukrainian city, turning the sky charcoal gray. Hundreds were lining up outside his synagogue hoping to receive some matzah for their Passover dinner tables. The unleavened flatbread, imperative at the ritual meal known as a Seder, is now hard to find in Ukraine amid the war and a crippling food shortage.

But the rabbi wanted no challenge to get him down — be it the lack of matzah or that he was missing his wife and children who had fled the Black Sea port for Berlin days ago.

"I need to smile for my community," Wolff said. "We need humor. We need hope."

Tens of thousands of Ukrainian Jews have fled while about 80% remain in Ukraine, according to estimates from Chabad, one of the largest Hasidic Jewish organizations in the world. Inside and outside Ukraine, a nation steeped in Jewish history and heritage, people are preparing to celebrate Passover, which begins at sundown Friday.

It's been a challenge, to say the least.

The holiday marks the liberation of Jewish people from slavery in ancient Egypt, and their exodus under the leadership of Moses. The story is taking on special meaning for thousands of Jewish Ukrainian refugees who are living a dramatic story in real time.

Chabad, which has deep roots and a wide network in Ukraine, and other groups such as the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, or JDC, and the Jewish Federations of North America, have mobilized to help Ukrainian Jews celebrate Passover wherever they have sought refuge.

In Ukraine, Chabad plans 52 public Seders welcoming about 9,000 people.

In Odesa, Wolff is preparing to host two large Seders — one in early evening at the Chabad synagogue for families with young children and a later Seder at a hotel where participants can stay the night, obeying a 9 p.m. curfew.

He's been waving in trucks loaded with Passover supplies — matzah from Israel, milk from France, meat from Britain.

"We may not all be together, but it's going to be an unforgettable Passover," Wolff said. "This year, we celebrate as one big Jewish family around the world."

JDC, which has evacuated more than 11,600 Jews from Ukraine, has shipped more than 2 tons of matzah, over 400 bottles of grape juice and over 700 pounds of kosher Passover food for refugees in Hungary, Moldova, Poland and Romania, said Chen Tzuk, the organization's director of operations in Europe, Asia and Africa.

In Ukraine, their social service centers and corps of volunteers are distributing nearly 16 tons of matzah to elderly Jews and families in need, she said.

"Passover is something familiar and basic for Jewish people," Tzuk said. "For refugees who have left everything behind, it's important to be able to celebrate this holiday with honor and dignity."

JDC is organizing in-person Seders in countries bordering Ukraine and elsewhere in Europe, she said, and is facilitating online Seders where it's too dangerous to gather in person.

The Jewish Federations of North America has set up a volunteer hub in support of refugees fleeing Ukraine; it's a partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel, the JDC and IsraAID. Russian-speaking volunteers, such as Alina Spaulding, will help organize a Seder for 100 refugees at a hotel in Budapest.

Spaulding, a resident of Greensboro, North Carolina, fled Kharkiv, as a 5-year-old in the 1970s with her parents. She said the war has rekindled strong ties to Ukraine.

"My mom showed me a photo of me with my grandpa on a street that was recently bombed," Spaulding said. "We talked about the university in Kharkiv where my mom and dad went, which was also hit. Suddenly, it all felt so personal."

Spaulding believes spending Passover with refugees will be "an experience to remember."

"Part of the magic of Passover is finding your own story," she said. "We're in the middle of a modern-day exodus. I can't even imagine the stories I will hear."

Celebrating a holiday can give people a rush of hope and happiness even in grim situations, said Rabbi Jacob Biderman, who leads Chabad activities throughout Austria, including a center in Vienna that is sheltering about 800 Ukrainian Jews.

Days after refugees reached his center, Biderman led a joyous celebration of Purim, a festival commemorating the deliverance of Jews from a planned massacre in ancient Persia.

"The look on their faces changed from sorrow to joy. ... Their eyes lit up," Biderman said. "It gave them a sense of normalcy, dignity and the belief that their spiritual life is something no one can take away from them."

That fueled Biderman's determination to provide a memorable Passover Seder for the refugees.

Dr. Yaacov Gaissinovitch, his wife, Elizabeth, and their three children — ages 11, 8 and 4 — will be part of that celebration. They fled the Ukrainian city of Dnipro by car on March 4. Gaissinovitch, a urologist and mohel who performs the Jewish rite of circumcision, said it pained him, as an observant Jew, to drive on Shabbat — a forbidden act on the day of rest and prayer except when lives are at stake.

"I drove nonstop for 12 hours to Moldova to save us all," he said. "We sang all the Shabbat songs in the car. It was very, very hard."

In Dnipro, Gaissinovitch had his offices in the sprawling Menorah Center, which serves as a center of Jewish life, housing a synagogue, shops, restaurants, museums and the office of the city's chief rabbi.

After a month of being severed from everything familiar, the Chabad center in Vienna has been a blessing, Gaissinovitch said.

"We've been accepted here very warmly," he said. "After being disconnected for days, the children have been able to see that our life hasn't stopped."

A similar community at the Chabad center in Berlin is housing about 1,000 refugees, including Rabbi Avraham Wolff's wife and children from Odesa. The center plans to host eight Seders citywide and has distributed matzah and other food to community members.

Refugees, including 120 children from an Odesa orphanage who arrived in Berlin along with Wolff's family, distributed the items to locals, said Yehuda Teichtal, the chief rabbi of Berlin.

"To me, this is extremely touching," he said. "That people on the receiving end are able to give and not be viewed as victims. It's empowering and energizing."





Aiming aid at students most in need

Getting kids back on track tests schools after long disruption

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press



Students return for the first day of in-person classes last October at Erasmus High School in Brooklyn. **MARK LENNIHAN/AP**

Schools across America are racing to make up for time they lost during the pandemic by budgeting billions of dollars for tutoring, summer camps and longer school days and trying to untangle which students need help most urgently after two years of disruptions.

Many schools saw large numbers of students fall under the radar when learning went online for the pandemic. Many skipped class, tests and homework. Record numbers of families opted out of annual standardized tests, leaving some districts with little evidence of how students were doing in reading and math.

Now districts are trying to address that lack of information by adding new tests, training teachers to spot learning gaps and exploring new ways to identify students who need help. In many districts, the findings are being used to guide the spending of billions of dollars in federal relief that's meant to address learning loss and can be used in myriad ways.

New York City is adding three rounds of testing this year, hoping to pinpoint which students are behind. Similar tests are being used in Virginia's Fairfax County, which is allotting larger shares of funding to schools with lower scores. Chicago is prioritizing students using a ranking system that factors in their grades and also rates of COVID-19 and violent crime near their homes.

"Understanding completely where students are and what those gaps or challenges might be for them — that is going to be a challenge for us," said Debbie Durrence, the data officer for Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Her team, which serves the 180,000-student district, has started tracking a new metric: "missingness." In regular reports, the team aims to log what is known about each student's learning progress, but also what is unknown. Schools have been asked to help fill in gaps, and students are being tested more frequently.

For students, disruptions related to the pandemic are still reverberating. Now that Lorena Rivera's twin daughters are back in the classroom in Boston, some of their teachers have quit midyear or gotten sick with COVID-19. The 14-year-old twins struggled with virtual learning, feeling like they had nowhere to turn when they had trouble with math problems.

"There was a lot of giving up — it was hard," Rivera said.

Her daughters, Elizabeth and Amerie Allder, have since found support through a local tutoring program, Boston Partners in Education, but Rivera wonders whether their school knows how her daughters are doing.

"I'm not sure because every time you meet with someone, they give you something different," she said. "Some teachers say they're doing great, others say they can do better."

Early results of data gathering by some of the country's biggest school districts confirm what many had feared: Groups of students that already faced learning gaps before the pandemic, including Black and Hispanic students and those from low-income families, appear to be behind in even greater numbers now.

In Fairfax County, tests given this fall found that 68% of Hispanic elementary school students need intervention in math, up from 55% in 2019. Students learning English saw a similar increase. A quarter of white students were flagged for help, up from 19% in 2019.

Last year, public schools in Houston found that 45% of Black and Hispanic students had at least one failing grade. That was up from 30% in 2019, and nearly three times the rate of white students.

Similar inequities are turning up at schools across the country, said Robin Lake, director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education, a national research group. It suggests that long-standing inequities are widening, she said, which could translate to deeper learning and income gaps for generations to come.

States have been raising alarms, urging schools to focus on students who spent more time away from school. Utah's education officials found that students who missed last year's exams were far more likely to be Native American or Hispanic, prompting an urgent call to find those students and "prevent them from falling into an academic spiral."

Many bigger districts already had testing regimes and data systems to find students who are falling behind, while some are scrambling to catch up. But not all major districts are analyzing the data or making it public.

New York City is spending $36 million on new testing, but officials said they don't have districtwide results. Instead, they said the tests are being used at the school level to help teachers support students.

Schools in Chicago were encouraged to use a new screening exam, but a district spokesperson declined to provide the results.

In Fairfax County, where more than 20% of students opted out of state tests last year, district officials attempted to fill in the gaps by giving students informal, low-stakes tests to measure their progress last fall.

"We've been working to figure out which students need the most targeted support most quickly," said Amy Goodloe, principal of Rocky Run Middle School. Teachers have used test results to find concepts students struggle with and create plans to get them up to speed, she said.

The results are also guiding the district as it divides $188 million in federal funding among nearly 200 schools. In many buildings, the money is being used to add staff who help students in small groups, or to hire tutors for more personal help after school.

In Texas, a law passed last year requires 30 hours of tutoring for students who did not pass or did not take state exams last year.

In Houston, the state's largest district, officials are hiring more tutors but haven't added new tests.

"Increasing the numbers of assessments isn't going to yield a different result, it just would impact the amount of instructional time we have as a district," said Margarita Gardea, who oversees elementary curriculum and instruction.

In Florida's Miami-Dade County, school officials created a new learning loss index based on assessments, attendance and state exams, and then ranked students based on need.

The district brought back retired teachers to work as tutors on a temporary basis, and it also plans to expand summer school as well as add Saturday classes and other programs.

So far, test results have shown some progress toward getting students up to grade level, but thousands of students are still behind.

"The bottom line is that we have such a loss that it will take some time," said Gisela Feild, administrative director of assessment, research and data analysis. "You can't make up that kind of a loss in one year."



The remains of a home left Wednesday after a wildfire spread through Ruidoso, New Mexico. Officials say a wildfire has burned about 150 structures. **ALEXANDER MEDITZ VIA AP**

Older couple found dead as wildfire destroys NM homes

By Paul Davenport and Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

The remains of a New Mexico couple were found near their burned home as a wind-driven wildfire charred more than 200 residences on the edge of a mountain community in the southern part of the state.

Fire crews pointed to a break in what has been a steady stream of relentless gusts as their chance to make headway against the deadly wildfire, which is believed to have killed the two people, Ruidoso spokesperson Kerry Gladden said Thursday.

Police investigators and firefighters found the older couple's remains Wednesday afternoon after family members notified Ruidoso police that the two had tried to evacuate but were unaccounted for.

The remains were found near the home but not in it, and no additional information was immediately available, Gladden said.

Authorities were working to confirm the identities of the two people.

The fire moved into a more densely populated area on Ruidoso's northeastern side Wednesday afternoon, prompting more evacuations.

Laura Rabon, a spokesperson for the Lincoln National Forest, interrupted a fire briefing and told people to get in their cars and leave after the flames jumped a road where crews were trying to hold the line.

Authorities have told as many as 4,500 people to evacuate.

Overnight, crews kept the flames from pushing farther into the village, Rabon said.

The fire has torched about 9 square miles of forest and grass, and the strong winds that battered the area have left behind toppled trees and down power lines.

Crews continued work Thursday to restore power to parts of the village that have been without it since Monday.

While the cause of the blaze was under investigation, fire officials and forecasters warned that persistent dry and windy conditions had prompted another day of red flag warnings for the eastern third of New Mexico and other parts of the Midwest.

Incident Commander Dave Bales said the strategy was "attack while we can," noting that winds were expected to pick up later Thursday and again Friday.

"We're trying to keep this fire as small as possible, especially because it's right in the community," he said. "We've had a loss of a lot of structures so our crews are right there on the fire front going as direct as possible."

Six new large fires were reported Wednesday: three in Texas, two in Colorado and one in Oklahoma.

In all, wildland firefighters and support personnel were trying to contain 11 large fires that have charred more than 40 square miles in five states.

The National Interagency Fire Center reported Thursday that since the start of the year, 18,550 wildfires have burned about 1,250 square miles.

That's well above the 10-year average of 12,290 wildfires and 835 square miles burned.

Hotter and drier weather coupled with decades of fire suppression have contributed to an increase in the number of acres burned by wildfires, fire scientists say.

Rights groups slam UK plan to send migrants to Rwanda

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press



Migrants are brought ashore Thursday in Dover after being plucked from the English Channel. More than 28,000 people entered the U.K. in boats last year. **GARETH FULLER/PA**

LONDON — Britain announced a deal with Rwanda on Thursday to send some asylum-seekers thousands of miles to the East African country — a plan it said would stop smugglers from sending desperate migrants on treacherous journeys across the English Channel.

U.K. opposition politicians and refugee groups condemned the move as inhumane, unworkable and a waste of public money, and the United Nations said it raised "a number of human rights concerns."

The plan would see some people who arrive in Britain as stowaways on trucks or in small boats picked up by the U.K. government and flown 4,000 miles to Rwanda, apparently for good.

Critics accused Prime Minister Boris Johnson of using the issue to distract attention from a scandal over government gatherings that breached pandemic lockdown rules.

Johnson is resisting calls to resign after being fined by police this week over the parties.

Migrants have long used northern France as a launching point to reach Britain, either by hiding on trucks or ferries, or — increasingly since the coronavirus pandemic shut down other routes in 2020 — in small boats organized by smugglers.

More than 28,000 people entered the U.K. in boats last year, up from 8,500 in 2020.

Dozens of migrants have died, including 27 people in November when a boat capsized.

On Thursday, dozens of men, women and children were picked up by British lifeboats and brought ashore at the Channel port of Dover as Johnson, speaking just a few miles away, outlined the plan.

"Anyone entering the U.K. illegally may now be relocated to Rwanda," Johnson said in a speech to troops and coast guard members at an airport near Dover. Action, he said, was needed to stop "vile people smugglers (who) are abusing the vulnerable and turning the Channel into a watery graveyard."

The Rwandan government said the agreement would initially last for five years, and Britain had paid $158 million up front to pay for housing and integrating the migrants.

Rwandan Foreign Affairs Minister Vincent Biruta said his country is home to more than 130,000 refugees from countries including Burundi, Congo, Libya and Pakistan.

Rwanda is the most densely populated nation in Africa, and competition for land and resources there fueled decades of ethnic and political tensions that culminated in the 1994 genocide in which more than 800,000 ethnic Tutsis, and Hutus who tried to protect them, were killed.

Johnson insisted that Rwanda had "totally transformed" in the last two decades.

But human rights groups have repeatedly criticized President Paul Kagame's government as repressive.

Lewis Mudge, Central Africa director at Human Rights Watch, said the claim Rwanda was a safe country "is not grounded in reality."

"Arbitrary detention, ill-treatment, and torture in official and unofficial detention facilities is commonplace, and fair trial standards are flouted in many cases," Mudge said.

Britain said relocation decisions will not be based on migrants' country of origin but on whether they used "illegal or dangerous routes" to reach the U.K. from a safe country such as France.

Not all such arrivals will be considered suitable to be sent to Rwanda; it was unclear what the criteria for making the decisions would be, though the British government said children would not be sent to the African country.

The United Nations' human rights office said it had raised its "concerns directly with the U.K. authorities."

A spokeswoman for the office said the U.K. was "shifting ... its responsibilities and obligations under international human rights and refugee law onto a country which is already taking great asylum responsibilities."

NEWS BRIEFING

IS member 'Ringo' convicted for role in abductions, killings

From news services

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A jury convicted a British national Thursday for his role in an Islamic State group hostage-taking scheme that took roughly two dozen Westerners captive a decade ago, resulting in the deaths of four Americans, three of whom were beheaded.

In convicting El Shafee Elsheikh, the jury concluded that he was one of the notorious "Beatles," Islamic State captors nicknamed for their accents and known for their cruelty — torturing and beating prisoners, forcing them to fight each other until they collapsed and even making them sing cruel song parodies. Surviving hostages testified that the Beatles delighted themselves rewriting "Hotel California" as "Hotel Osama" and making them sing the refrain "You will never leave."

The guilty finding came even though none of the surviving hostages could identify Elsheikh as one of their captors. Although the Beatles had distinctive accents, they always took great care to hide their faces behind masks and ordered hostages to avoid eye contact or risk a beating.

Prosecutors suggested in opening statements that Elsheikh was the Beatle nicknamed "Ringo" but only had to prove that Elshiekh was one of the Beatles because testimony showed that all three were major players in the scheme.

Elsheikh, who was captured by the Kurdish-led Syrian defense Forces in 2018, eventually confessed his role in the scheme to interrogators as well as media interviewers, acknowledging that he helped collect email addresses and provided proof of life to the hostages' families as part of ransom negotiations.

But testimony showed that he and the other Beatles were far more than paper pushers. The surviving hostages, all of whom were European — the American and British hostages were all killed — testified that they dreaded the Beatles' appearance at the various prisons to which they constantly shuttled and relocated.

Surviving witness Federico Motka recounted a time in the summer of 2013 when he and cellmate David Haines were put in a room with American hostage James Foley and British hostage John Cantlie for what they called a "Royal Rumble." The losers were told they'd be waterboarded. Weak from hunger, two of the four passed out during the hourlong battle.

The jury deliberated for four hours before finding Elsheikh guilty on all counts.

Prosecutors said there were three — Elsheikh his friends Alexanda Kotey and Mohammed Emwazi, who all knew each other in England before joining IS.

Emwazi, known as "Jihadi John" and who carried out the executions, was later killed in a drone strike. Kotey, known as "Jihadi George," and Elsheikh were captured together in 2018 and brought to Virginia in 2020 to face trial after the U.S. promised not to seek the death penalty. Kotey pleaded guilty last year in a plea bargain that calls for a life sentence but leaves open the possibility that he could serve his sentence in the United Kingdom after 15 years in the U.S.



Pope Francis washes the feet of inmates near Rome in a Holy Thursday ritual that symbolizes humility and service and highlights his papacy's attention to those on society's margins. He arrived in a motorcade that included Italian police cars at the prison in Civitavecchia, 50 miles northwest of Rome. The ritual was closed to the public for security reasons. **VATICAN MEDIA**

Border blockade: Mexican truckers protesting Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's border crackdown ended their blockade of a key international bridge and are switching to other crossing sites.

Commercial traffic has resumed over the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said Thursday. The crossing is where truckers upset about massive delays caused by Abbott's measure began a blockade Monday.

The blockade was called off after an organized criminal gang set fire to some of the trucks and then engaged in a gunbattle with responding police officers, local media reported.

Capitol siege: An Ohio man who claimed he was only "following presidential orders" from Donald Trump when he stormed the U.S. Capitol was convicted Thursday of obstructing Congress from certifying Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory.

Taking less then three hours, a federal jury also found Dustin Byron Thompson, 38, guilty of five other offenses including stealing a coat rack from an office inside the Capitol during the riot on Jan. 6 of last year. The maximum sentence for the obstruction count, the lone felony, is 20 years imprisonment. Jurors rejected Thompson's defense, in which he blamed Trump and members of the president's inner circle for the insurrection and for his own actions.

Jan. 6 panel: Stephen Miller, who served as a top aide to President Donald Trump, will appear Thursday before the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Miller was a senior adviser for policy during the Trump administration and a central figure in many of the Republican's policy decisions.

He had resisted previous efforts by the committee, filing a lawsuit last month seeking to quash a committee subpoena for his phone records. The people familiar with the matter spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private testimony. It's unclear whether Miller will appear in person or virtually. A spokesperson for the committee said the panel had no comment, and Miller did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Miller is the latest in a series of sit-downs the committee has scored with those in Trump's inner circle — signaling that lawmakers are closing in on the former president by going around him to those who were present on the day of the attack or were his confidants in the weeks leading up to it.

His scheduled testimony before the committee comes weeks after Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, also agreed to sit down with congressional investigators, months after the committee had first reached out.

Booster shots for kids: Pfizer said Thursday it wants to expand its COVID-19 booster shots to healthy elementary-age kids.

U.S. health authorities already urge everyone 12 and older to get one booster dose for the best protection against the newest variants — and recently gave the option of a second booster to those 50 and older.

Now Pfizer says new data shows healthy 5- to 11-year-olds could benefit from another kid-sized shot. The data has not been published or vetted by independent experts. The Pfizer shots are the only vaccine available to U.S. children. The U.S. hasn't yet allowed vaccinations for children under 5.

South Africa flooding: Heavy rains and flooding have killed at least 341 people in South Africa's eastern KwaZulu-Natal province, including the city of Durban, and more rainstorms are forecast in the coming days. The death toll is expected to rise as scores of people, including whole families, are missing, officials said Thursday.



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BUSINESS

Tesla CEO offers to buy Twitter for $43 billion

Musk, a critic of social media platform, calls price final proposal in takeover bid

By Michelle Chapman and Matt O'Brien
Associated Press

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has offered to buy Twitter outright, saying the social media platform "needs to be transformed" from his perspective as a self-identified free speech absolutist.

Twitter Inc. said in a regulatory filing Thursday that Musk, currently the company's biggest individual shareholder, has proposed buying the remaining shares of Twitter that he doesn't already own at $54.20 per share, an offer worth more than $43 billion.

Musk called that price his best and final offer, although he provided no details on financing. The offer is nonbinding and subject to financing and other conditions.

"I invested in Twitter as I believe in its potential to be the platform for free speech around the globe, and I believe free speech is a societal imperative for a functioning democracy," Musk said in the filing. "However, since making my investment I now realize the company will neither thrive nor serve this societal imperative in its current form. Twitter needs to be transformed as a private company."

Twitter shares fell 77 cents to close at $45.08, well below Musk's offer price, a sign that some investors doubt the deal will go through. The stock is down from its 52-week high of about $73.

Twitter said it received Musk's offer and will decide whether it is in the best interests of shareholders to accept or continue to operate as a publicly traded company.

Analyst Daniel Ives of Wedbush said in a client note that he believes "this soap opera will end with Musk owning Twitter after this aggressive hostile takeover of the company." He thinks it would be hard for any other bidders or consortium to come forward and said Twitter's board will likely be forced to accept Musk's offer or start a process to sell the company.

Musk revealed in regulatory filings over recent weeks that he'd been buying shares in almost daily batches starting Jan. 31, ending up with a stake of about 9%. Only Vanguard Group's suite of mutual funds and ETFs controls more Twitter shares. A lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court alleged that Musk illegally delayed disclosing his stake in Twitter so he could buy more shares at lower prices.

The billionaire has been a critic of Twitter, mostly over his belief that it falls short on free speech principles. The social media platform has angered followers of Donald Trump and other far-right political figures who've had their accounts suspended for violating its content standards on violence, hate or harmful misinformation.

Musk has described himself as a "free speech absolutist" but is also known for blocking other Twitter users who question or disagree with him.

Twitter hasn't done as well as its social media rivals and lost money last year. The company reported a net loss of $221 million for 2021 largely tied to the settlement of a lawsuit by shareholders who said the company misled investors about how much its user base was growing and how much users interacted with its platform.



Telcom employee Trevor Haskins works at running fiber optic cable to a home Feb. 10 in Concord, Vermont. **WILSON RING/AP**

Closing digital gap a slow go

Lots of money available, but labor shortages, supply chain issues hampering progress

By Wilson Ring and Mark Gillispie
Associated Press

Congress has appropriated tens of billions of dollars for a variety of programs to help fill the digital gap exposed by the pandemic when millions of people were locked down in their homes with no way to study, work or get online medical care.

The first of those funds are reaching municipalities, businesses and other groups involved in the effort, but some say supply chain issues, labor shortages and geographic constraints will slow the rollout.

The demand for fiber optic cable goes beyond wired broadband to homes and businesses. The cable will help provide the 5G technology now being rolled out by wireless communications providers.

But there's a bottleneck in the supply.

Michael Bell, senior vice president and general manager of Corning Optical Communications based in Charlotte, N.C., says the issue lies with supply of the protective jacket that surrounds the hair-thin strands of glass that carry information on beams of light.

Currently, some working to expand broadband say delays in getting the fiber optic cable they need can exceed a year.

"Based on the capacity we're adding, and the capacity we see our competitors adding, wait times will start going down dramatically as the year progresses and into next year," Bell said.

Meanwhile, there's a labor shortage for installing the cable. Many in the industry are setting up educational programs to train people to work with the fiber, said Jim Hayes, president of the Santa Monica, Calif.-based Fiber Optic Association.

"It needs to be done now," Hayes said. "We're going to need to train probably 10 techs for every tech that we've got who's competent to lead them."

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the $1.5 trillion infrastructure bill passed last fall, says that areas that receive broadband speeds of less than 25 megabit downloads and 3 megabit uploads are considered unserved. To qualify for different federal grants through the infrastructure bill and other programs, most finished projects must offer speeds of at least 100 megabits per second for downloads. Upload speeds differ, but most federal grants have a minimum of 20 megabit uploads.

For comparison, it takes 80 seconds to download a 1 gigabyte video at the speed of 100 megabits per second. It takes four times as long — more than 5 minutes — at 25 megabits per second.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, a part of the Agency of Commerce, which is funding broadband projects across the country through the infrastructure law, is neutral about how internet service providers reach the speed requirements. Many providers say the key to bringing high-speed internet service to the entire country is to install fiber optic cable to every nook and cranny.

Deploying high-speed internet in tribal communities and rural areas across the western United States where distances dwarf those of rural northern New England will be even more of a challenge.

Broadband access on the Navajo Nation — the largest reservation in the U.S. at 27,000 square miles in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah — is a mix of dial-up, satellite service, wireless, fiber and mobile data.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, which has broad oversight of tribal affairs, said federal appraisals, rights-of-way permits, environment reviews and archaeological protection laws can delay progress.

Amazon CEO vows to raise warehouse safety

Associated Press

In his first letter to Amazon shareholders, CEO Andy Jassy offered a defense of the wages and benefits the company gives its warehouse workers while also vowing to improve injury rates inside the facilities.

Jassy, who took over from Amazon founder Jeff Bezos as CEO last July, wrote the company has researched and created a list of the top 100 "employee experience pain points" and is working to solve them.

"We're also passionate about further improving safety in our fulfillment network, with a focus on reducing strains, sprains, falls, and repetitive stress injuries," he wrote.

The company is set to face two shareholder votes next month tied to workplace injuries. One calls for an independent audit into the working conditions and treatment of its warehouse workers, while the other seeks to assess whether Amazon's policies give rise to racial and gender disparities in its workplace injury rates. The retailer had argued against both proposals, but U.S. securities regulators disagreed and allowed the resolutions to stand.

A report released this week by Strategic Organizing Center, a coalition of four labor unions, found Amazon employed 33% of all U.S. warehouse workers in 2021, but was responsible for 49% of all injuries in the industry. Jassy pushed back on the report during an interview with CNBC on Thursday, saying it was not accurate.

He further wrote in the shareholder letter that the company's injury rates can sometimes be misunderstood, saying it has operations jobs that fit both the "warehousing" and "courier and delivery" categories.

Offering his own data, Jassy acknowledged the company's warehouse injury rates "were a little higher than the average" compared with other warehouses, but lower than average compared with Amazon's courier and delivery peers.

"This makes us about average relative to peers, but we don't seek to be average," Jassy wrote. "We want to be best in class."

Union organizers in Staten Island, New York, and Bessemer, Alabama, have often rallied workers while pointing to the company's injury rates.

Retail sales climb 0.5% amid jump in inflation

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Retail sales rose modestly in March, but higher prices for food, gasoline and other basics took a big share of consumers' wallets.

Retail sales increased 0.5% after registering a revised 0.8% increase from January to February, the U.S. Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Spending has been fueled by wage gains, solid hiring and more money in banking accounts.

January's increase of 4.9% was the biggest jump in spending since March 2021, when American households received a final federal stimulus check of $1,400.

But soaring prices on everything, particularly at the gas pump, are making shoppers choosier about how they spend their money.

Excluding an 8.9% increase at gas stations, overall retail sales slipped 0.3% last month.

Overall, the retail sales picture was mixed, but shoppers still showed resilience in spending, economists said.

Business at general merchandise stores was up 5.4%, while sales at clothing stores rose 2.6%. Restaurants had a 1% increase.

But online sales dropped 6.4%, while auto sales were down 1.9% as auto companies faced a vehicle shortage. Major retailers will be issuing quarterly earnings reports next month, which will give a fuller picture of the state of the consumer.

The retail report covers only about a third of overall consumer spending and doesn't include services such as haircuts, hotel stays and plane tickets, areas that have been rebounding from the depths of the pandemic.

Retailers are closely monitoring Russia's war with Ukraine and how it could weigh on shoppers' confidence but also worsen inflation.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Mortgage rates continue to rise

WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates continued to climb this week as the key 30-year loan rate reached 5% for the first time in more than a decade amid persistent high inflation.

The average 5% rate on the 30-year mortgage was up from 4.72% last week, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday. The average rates in recent months have been showing the fastest pace of increases since 1994. By contrast, a year ago the 30-year rate stood at 3.04%.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, popular among those refinancing their homes, jumped to 4.17% from 3.91% last week.

Home prices are up about 15% over the past year and as much as 30% in some cities.

Jobless claims still at low level

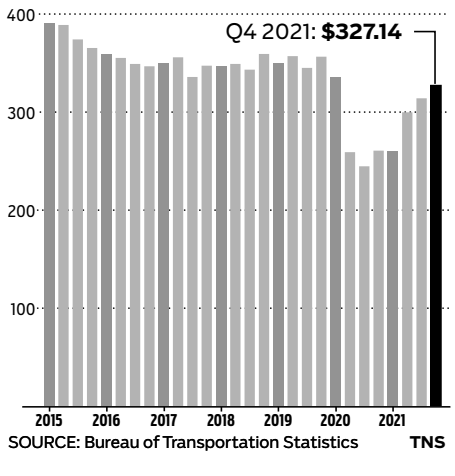
WASHINGTON — The number of people seeking unemployment benefits ticked up last week but remained at a historically low level, reflecting a robust U.S. labor market with near record-high job openings and few layoffs.

Jobless claims rose by 18,000 to 185,000, the Labor Department said Thursday, after nearly touching the lowest level since 1968 in the previous week. The four-week average of claims, which levels out week-to-week ups and downs, edged up from 170,000 to 172,000.

Last year, employers added a record 6.7 million jobs, and they've added an average of 560,000 more each month in 2022. The unemployment rate, which soared to 14.7% in April 2020, is now just 3.6%.

Average airfare

U.S. domestic quarterly average airfare, adjusted for inflation



SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics TNS

BUSINESS



JPMorgan Chase said it earned a profit of $8.3 billion, down from a profit of $14.3 billion, in the same period a year earlier. Above, Chase Bank ATMs in New York. **MARK LENNIHAN/AP**

JPMorgan profits drop 42% in Q1 due to inflation, Russia

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press

NEW YORK — JPMorgan Chase said its first-quarter profits dropped by 42% from last year, partly because the bank wrote down nearly $1.5 billion in assets due to higher inflation and Russia's war in Ukraine.

The nation's largest bank by assets said it earned a profit of $8.3 billion, or $2.63 per share, down from a profit of $14.3 billion, or $4.50 a share, in the same period a year earlier.

The results missed the forecasts of Wall Street analysts, who were looking for JPMorgan to earn $2.72 a share, according to FactSet.

JPMorgan Chase Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon said in a statement that the bank sees "significant geopolitical and economic challenges ahead due to high inflation, supply chain issues and the war in Ukraine."

A year ago, JPMorgan boosted first-quarter profit by releasing more than $4 billion in credit reserves tied to the improving economy and waning COVID-19 pandemic. For more than a year, JPMorgan and other banks had been releasing the funds they had socked away to cover potentially bad loans. Those releases had boosted the banks' profits significantly, but investors knew these one-time bumps in profits were temporary.

Now JPMorgan is going in reverse.

The bank set aside $1.46 billion to write off its assets tied to Russia as well as assets that have been negatively exposed to persistently higher inflation. The bank said most of the Russian exposure was in its investment banking division as well as its asset management business.

In a call with reporters Wednesday, JPMorgan Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Barnum said most of the Russian write downs were "name specific" Russian companies and assets, as well as some Russian-related derivatives.

JPMorgan was the first of Wall Street big banks to report their results for the first quarter. Analysts expect Wall Street will report a modest, but noticeable, hit to its profits as banks report their exposure to Russia. JPMorgan had a modest business in Russia.

Dimon said JPMorgan is optimistic in the short-term about the U.S. economy and consumer spending.

Dimon has said publicly that he believes the U.S. consumer is in the best shape he's seen in his career. Delinquencies are low and wages are rising, which should make it easier for consumers to pay their debts. JPMorgan's consumer banking division saw credit card users spend more on their cards, and noticed a jump in travel and entertainment spending as well.

The volatility in markets the first three months of the year due to Russia's invasion as well as inflation also negatively impacted the bank's trading desks. JPMorgan's corporate and investment bank posted a 26% decline in profits from a year earlier. Investment banking revenue and fees dropped sharply, as companies put deals on hold. Stock and bond trading revenues also declined.

US companies taking steps to make warehouses greener

By Jane Margolies
The New York Times



Warehouse owners are taking steps to make their buildings more energy-efficient. Above, photovoltaic panels on warehouse roofs in Perth Amboy, N.J. **THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Warehouses and distribution centers, decidedly unsexy buildings, became hot in the coronavirus pandemic as online shopping accelerated the rise in e-commerce and set off a frenzy of buying and building the boxy, low-rise structures, pushing up rents and increasing returns for investors.

Now, as investors and others adopt carbon-reduction targets, the challenge is to make those buildings greener.

In the United States, where regulation is lighter, developers lag behind their counterparts in Europe in constructing sustainable warehouses and distribution centers, with buildings that are still overly reliant on fossil fuels.

Another reason for the disparity, experts say, are leases that may discourage spending on building improvements that could rein in energy use.

But U.S. companies are beginning to take steps to make their warehouses more energy-efficient, including upgrading building materials. And some warehouse owners are even turning the rooftops into solar farms that can power the building's operations and, in many cases, lower utility costs for nearby homeowners and businesses.

As more community solar programs roll out and local governments set more ambitious decarbonization goals, progress is expected to accelerate.

"It's the start of a wave," said Brian LaMont, senior vice president of capital and construction management at STAG Industrial, a Boston real estate investment trust with a large warehouse portfolio.

The need for change is urgent, experts say.

Buildings are responsible for about 40% of the greenhouse gases that are warming the planet, with carbon emissions coming from both construction and operations.

Warehouses and distribution centers would appear to be easier to make greener than other real estate. Many of them take only a modest amount of energy to run, compared with more densely occupied structures such as office buildings or hotels.

But the bigger issue is that many of the existing warehouses were not built to the highest standards. More than 70% of industrial space in the United States was built before the 21st century, and one-third of the inventory is more than 50 years old, according to a report by the real estate company Newmark.

Making such buildings greener means ensuring they are well insulated, swapping out antiquated lighting for LEDs and upgrading HVAC systems, among other things.

Often, lease arrangements discourage such investments, experts say.

In office buildings, a landlord typically rents to multiple tenants and runs building operations; if the owner makes investments that lower energy use, it benefits when operating costs go down. But with warehouses, owners typically rent to a single tenant under an arrangement known as a triple-net lease, which puts the occupant, not the owner, in charge of maintenance and operations.

The result is that neither tenant nor landlord is motivated to invest in a building; the tenant does not want to spend money on another company's property, and the owner is reluctant because energy savings will mostly benefit the tenant.

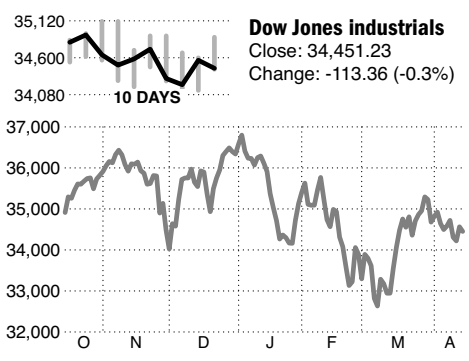
So-called green leases have emerged over the past couple of years to begin to address the situation. These leases encourage landlords and tenants to share information on things like energy use in a building, sometimes leading to collaboration on retrofitting projects.

In situations where energy costs are high and a warehouse's roof is strong, some owners and tenants have installed solar arrays to power building operations. More states are requiring that warehouses be built with "solar-ready" roofs that can accommodate photovoltaic panels from the get-go.

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Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	34,451.23	-113.36	-5.19%
DOW Trans.	14,844.14	-2.14	-9.92%
DOW Util.	1,061.63	+.48	+8.24%
NYSE Comp.	16,511.51	-103.28	-3.80%
Nasdaq Comp.	13,351.08	-292.51	-14.66%
S&P 500	4,392.59	-54.00	-7.84%
S&P 400	2,628.61	-15.24	-7.51%
Wilshire 5000	44,180.86	-551.62	-8.83%
Russell 2000	2,004.98	-20.12	-10.70%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	106.95	104.25	+42.20%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.30	7.00	+95.71%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.38	3.29	+51.75%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,970.90	1,981.00	+7.85%
Silver (oz)	25.69	26.02	+10.13%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.3077	.7647
Canada	.7929	1.2611
China	.1568	6.3784
Euro	1.0831	.9233
Japan	.007937	125.99
Mexico	.049979	20.0082

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	3.50	3.50
3-mo. T-Bill	0.79	0.69
6-mo. T-Bill	1.24	1.12
5-yr T-Note	2.79	2.70
10-yr T-Note	2.80	2.65
30-yr T-Bond	2.90	2.68

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	14,163.85	+87.41	+.62%	-10.83%
London	7,616.38	+35.58	+.47%	+3.14%
Hong Kong	21,518.08	+143.71	+.67%	-8.03%
Nikkei	27,172.00	+328.51	+1.22%	-5.63%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	18.02	-.51	-33.8
AT&T Inc (T)	19.54	+.12	-20.6
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	93.06	-4.68	-35.3
Akebia Therapeutics (AKBA)	.54	+.04	-76.2
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	19.00	+.05	+5.8
Amphenol Corp (APH)	70.38	-1.53	-19.5
Apple Inc (AAPL)	165.29	-5.11	-6.9
Aterian Inc (ATER)	5.53	-.12	+34.5
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	48.93	+.44	-1.9
Bank of America (BAC)	37.57	-1.25	-15.6
Barnes Group (B)	35.94	-.02	-22.9
BitNile Holdings Inc (NILE)	.55	-.03	-53.8
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2227.29	-32.82	-7.2
Borqs Technologies (BRQS)	.20	+.03	-47.3
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	77.51	+.64	+24.3
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	103.68	-1.30	+.5
Carnival Corp (CCL)	19.56	+.05	-2.8
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	41.28	-.83	-23.9
Charter Communic (CHTR)	555.32	-7.08	-14.8
Cigna Corp (CI)	259.21	+.22	+12.9
Citigroup (C)	50.93	+.78	-15.7
Clarus Thera Hldgs (CRXT)	1.24	+.25	-49.0
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	47.58	-.33	-5.5
Delta Air Lines (DAL)	42.36	+1.34	+8.4
Disney (DIS)	130.47	-1.88	-15.8
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	116.85	+.44	-8.3
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.26	-.07	-3.9
Eversource Energy (ES)	92.60	+.09	+1.8
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	87.83	+1.02	+43.5
Ford Motor (F)	15.48	-.03	-25.5
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	5.26	-.25	+1.2
Gen Dynamics (GD)	243.74	+.03	+16.9
Gen Electric (GE)	90.83	+.08	-3.9
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	74.95	-.40	+8.6
Honeywell Intl (HON)	195.19	+.34	-6.4
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	14.19	-.04	-10.9
IQIYI Inc (IQ)	4.12	-.20	-9.6
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	1.46	+.18	-31.8
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	20.46	-.73	-19.2
Intel Corp (INTC)	45.67	-1.34	-11.3
Kaleido Biosciences (KLDO)	.29	-.01	-87.9
Kaman (KAMN)	42.66	+.67	-1.1
Keycorp (KEY)	20.48	-.10	-11.5
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	64.92	+.44	-4.9
M&T Bank (MTB)	159.56	-.15	+3.9
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	41.60	+.32	-7.3
MedAvail Holdings (MDVL)	2.44	+1.00	+74.3
Meten Holding Group (METX)	.13	-.00	-50.0
MetLife Inc (MET)	70.64	+.19	+13.0
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	279.83	-7.79	-16.8
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	2.16	-.24	-58.7
Novartis AG (NVS)	92.52	-.42	+5.8
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	212.58	-9.45	-27.7
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	74.75	-1.09	-14.1
PG&E Corp (PCG)	12.30	-.55	+1.3
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	12.42	-.48	-31.8
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	53.12	+.02	-10.0
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.80	-.20	-27.6
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	117.24	+.94	+8.3
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	72.80	+1.25	+9.1
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	104.27	+.90	+21.2
Rite Aid Corp (RAD)	7.22	-.27	-50.9
Rogers Corp (ROG)	272.67	+.43	-.1
SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	71.08	-.07	-13.3
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.26	-.35	-54.1
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	8.19	-.07	+75.8
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	140.32	-1.13	-25.6
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	24.21	+.10	-.4
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.53	-.06	-8.1
Tellurian Inc (TELL)	6.19	+.40	+101.0
Terex Corp (TEX)	34.81	+.91	-20.8
Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	6.02	-.40	-14.4
Travelers Cos (TRV)	184.24	+.53	+17.8
Twitter Inc (TWTR)	45.08	-.77	+4.3
United Rentals (URI)	331.07	+6.32	-.4
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	534.82	-2.18	+6.5
Verastem Inc (VSTM)	1.77	+.24	-13.7
Veru Inc (VERU)	14.95	+.65	+153.8
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	203.00	-4.01	-31.7
Voya Financial (VOYA)	67.56	+.18	+1.9
Warner Bros Disc A (WBD)	24.88	-1.12	+.8
Webster Financial (WBS)	50.46	-.13	-9.6
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	46.35	-2.19	-3.4
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1072.91	-2.72	+5.8
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	60.01	-.49	+21.6
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OPINION



President Joe Biden fist-bumps former President Barack Obama after Biden signed an order April 5 aimed at beefing up the Affordable Care Act. **CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY**

Celebrating success of the ACA



Carl P. Leubsdorf

Former President Barack Obama's joyous return to the White House marked an occasion many never expected to see: the 12th anniversary of his signature presidential achievement, the Affordable Care Act.

After all, public sentiment was mixed at best when the groundbreaking law guaranteeing Americans health insurance coverage passed in 2010 without a single Republican vote. Then, the GOP spent years trying to "repeal and replace" it, climaxing with its failure during Donald Trump's presidency to do neither.

Now, the measure that foes derided — but advocates now acclaim — as Obamacare is thriving. It provides more than 14 million Americans with their health care coverage, and 38 states have used the provision to expand Medicaid to cover another 15 million lower-income families. The portion of the public that supports the system has risen into the upper 50s.

"It's done what it was supposed to do," the former president said at an the April 5 White House event. "It's made a difference."

Obamacare coverage has been expanded by President Joe Biden, who correctly called the measure a "big (expletive) deal" on the day the former president signed it. Unfortunately, the law's travails are not yet over.

The provision in last year's American Rescue Plan increasing by 2.7 million the number of Americans receiving federal Obamacare subsidies will expire at the end of 2022. An extension through 2025 was in Biden's Build Back Better Act that the Senate rejected early this year, after it narrowly cleared the House last year.

That means that, unless Congress revives the BBB measure or includes an extension in another must-pass bill, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services estimates 3 million Americans will lose their insurance and 10 million others would face higher costs.

That could be another political problem for the beleaguered Democratic congressional majority — plus a blow to millions of Americans. It must not be allowed to happen.

Despite the partisan divisions that marked its birth, the law's initial impact was enormous. The Centers for Disease Control estimates the proportion of Americans without health insurance dropped from 16% in 2010 to just under 9% six years later. That's about where the census said it stood in 2020.

In another measure of its success, the proportion of uninsured Americans in the 38 states that took advantage of ACA's provision underwriting most state Medicaid expansion costs is about half that in the 12 states that didn't.

Two of the latter are Texas and Florida, where more than 1 million people are ineligible for either Obamacare subsidies or Medicaid coverage.

Besides expanding health care coverage, the ACA outlawed lifetime limits on insurance payouts that had prevented some with chronic diseases from buying needed coverage.

In a graphic example of the ideological divide between the two parties, the Obama and Biden administrations repeatedly sought to expand coverage by subsidizing its costs.

By contrast, after failing to kill the ACA, the Trump administration sought to weaken it. The administration limited enforcement of the now repealed requirement that everyone be covered and reduced funds and time for enrollment and advertising.

Republican opposition to expanded health care protection is nothing new. Most House Republicans voted to kill key provisions in the initial Social Security Act before supporting final passage in 1935. A majority of the House GOP voted to make Medicare voluntary before dividing equally on final passage in 1965.

Since taking office 15 months ago, the Biden administration has taken several steps to increase participation and, as a result, reduce the number of uninsured Americans. Besides increasing subsidies, it expanded outreach, extended the sign-up time and reversed several Trump rules that complicated the sign-up process.

As a result, Obamacare enrollment this year reached 14.2 million, up 20% in a year. Last week, the White House announced a plan closing one of the law's remaining gaps by allowing relatives of people with private insurance through their employer to qualify for Obamacare subsidies.

Still, some gains would be reversed if Congress fails to extend the subsidies that help millions buy coverage.

Meanwhile, despite the growing participation and declining uninsured rates, most conservative criticism has continued — with some validity.

A Heritage Foundation report two years ago noted that the law has not only failed to cut health care costs, they have increased. Citing Department of Health and Human Services statistics, the report said, "premiums have doubled for individual health insurance plans since 2013, the year before many of Obamacare's regulations and mandates took effect."

That, of course, is one reason why Biden increased premium subsidies and the number of people who qualify for them.

The principal GOP target was Obama's original campaign promise that, under his plan, "If you like your health care, you can keep it."

The independent fact-checking web site PolitiFact said initially it was likely Obama's claim would prove "too sweeping." After he revised his claim to say he meant "you can keep it if it hasn't changed since the law passed," PolitiFact rejected that claim, labeling it "pants on fire" which is its way of calling something false.

"It secured the principle of universal health care," Obama said at the White House. In reality, however, that principle has not yet been fully achieved, since nearly 28 million Americans still lack health insurance, one-fourth of them children.

Nevertheless, the ACA has been a godsend for millions of families who couldn't afford insurance beforehand or were barred from buying it.

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Did someone say orgy? Here's your spring politics quiz



Gail Collins

Given the horrors of what's going on in Ukraine, it's easy to lose track of politics on the home front. Still, attention must be paid. Let's see how well you've been keeping up so far this year:

1. In the confirmation hearing for Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, Ted Cruz asked Jackson if she agreed that ...
A. "The Constitution is all that matters."
B. "Babies are racist."
C. "It's been pretty cold outside."

2. At the same Senate hearing, Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., asked Jackson to "provide a definition for the word ...
A. "Democracy."
B. "Antidisestablishmentarianism."
C. "Woman."

3. And Lindsey Graham asked Jackson for a 1-to-10 rating of ...
A. His hair.
B. The new Batman movie.
C. Her faith.

4. Donald Trump spent much of the early part of the year drawing in political donations with a big, much-publicized contest. The contributor who won the drawing would get a wonderful dinner with Trump in New Orleans! ("Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to meet the 45th president of the United States!") When the contest finally came to an end, it turned out the winner was ...
A. Apparently, nobody — they never did pick one.
B. That guy with the strange horns on his head you saw all over on Jan. 6.
C. A hippo hunter who's very good friends with Don Jr.

5. On Trump's business side, it was time for Truth Social, the new media venture and presumed future outlet for all the ex-president's communications. Since the announcement of its impending arrival, Truth Social ...
A. Has knocked the socks off Wall Street with its canny use of the latest in communications technology.
B. Has announced it will devote all its profits to saving the whales.
C. Appears to be headed for a prominent place in the large club of Donald Trump Business Failures.

6. Trump told The Washington Post that when he watched the violence growing Jan. 6 after he told demonstrators to "fight like hell" against Congress' certification of the election results, he kept asking himself ...
A. "Why isn't Nancy Pelosi doing something about it?"
B. "Why didn't I watch my mouth?"
C. "I wonder if they're still delivering from KFC?"

7. Donald Trump Jr. co-founded his own publishing imprint, which reportedly gave a multimillion-dollar advance to Dad for ...
A. An autobiography.
B. Writing the captions for a photo book.
C. "How to Succeed in Business by Borrowing Money."

8. New York Republicans held their convention to pick a nominee for governor. Rep. Lee Zeldin of Long Island got the nod, but he's apparently going to face some primary challengers, including Andrew Giuliani, son of you know who. At the convention Andrew ...
A. Got a big demonstration of support from all the powerful Republicans to whom he's given golfing tips.
B. Got less than 1% of the delegate vote.
C. Unveiled a new website that includes a store selling T-shirts saying: "Vote for Rudy's Kid. He's Been Through a Lot."

9. Rudy himself expressed outrage at the Republicans' decision to pass over his son, saying the party should nominate a new-generation version of Ronald Reagan "or a Trump or ...
A. "... a me."
B. "... a 21st-century Thomas Dewey."
C. "... at least a George Pataki."

10. Rep. Madison Cawthorn of North Carolina made headlines when he ...
A. Told an interviewer that he had been invited to an orgy in Washington.
B. Vowed to top his current number of missed votes this year.
C. Announced a new internet portal through which insomniac supporters could chat with him between 3 and 4 a.m.

11. The House minority leader, Kevin McCarthy, issued a public rebuke to Cawthorn for ...
A. Not inviting him to the orgy.
B. Spreading false rumors about Washington culture.
C. Signing up as a contestant for the new "Celebrity Dating Game."

12. Former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo may be planning a comeback. In an early I'm-back speech, he put the blame for his past troubles on ...
A. His own bad behavior.
B. Winter in Albany.
C. Cancel culture.

13. After the last election, Ginni Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, texted Donald Trump's chief of staff that ...
A. "We're looking forward to having you over for dinner now that you've got more free time."
B. "The majority knows Biden and the Left is attempting the greatest Heist in our History."
C. "I'd love to hear your opinion on Joe Biden, but you know I don't think it's appropriate for me to talk about that stuff."

14. After President Joe Biden announced new mandates that would require some employers to have workers vaccinated, the governor of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, said he'd fight Biden ...
A. "To the gates of hell."
B. "In a detailed brief to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."
C. "With an appearance on every single radio station, television network, podcast or internet thingy that will have me."

15. At the Gridiron Dinner for journalists in Washington, New Hampshire's Republican governor, Chris Sununu, gave the traditional fun speech by a politician, in which he said Trump was ...
A. "Really quite witty."
B. "Crazy."
C. "Hiding under one of your seats."

16. Sununu also made fun of the bedding produced by conservative activist Mike "MyPillow Guy" Lindell, saying ...
A. "My kids had better pillows at camp."
B. "I hope one of the 10,000 lawsuits he's facing is for bad bedding."
C. "You only find that kind of stuff in the Trump hotel."

Collins is a columnist for The New York Times.

ANSWERS: 1-B, 2-C, 3-C, 4-A, 5-C, 6-A, 7-B, 8-B, 9-A, 10-A, 11-B, 12-C, 13-B, 14-A, 15-B, 16-C

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Town of Lebanon
Zoning Board of Appeals
LEGAL NOTICE

The Lebanon Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings at Lebanon Town Hall, Downstairs Conference Room, 579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT, 06249 on Thursday, April 21, 2022,7:00 p.m. for:
#ZBA-22-3: Riley & Sandra Leppo, 32 Lakeview Heights, Lebanon, CT, 06249 (owners), for property at 444 Deepwood Drive, Assessors Map 105, Lot 190. Variance from Section 5.2 to reduce the setback from the lake from 75 feet required to 61 feet requested for construction of addition.
#ZBA-22-4: Jennifer Barone, 21 Millstone Drive, Marlborough, CT, 06447 (owner), for property at 232 Lakeside Drive, Assessors Map 107, Lot 15. Appeal of Notice of Violation and Cease and Desist Order, claim of error by Zoning Enforcement Officer pertaining to Section 9.2e. of the Town of Lebanon Zoning Regulations.
#ZBA-22-5: Jennifer Barone, 21 Millstone Drive, Marlborough, CT, 06447
(owner), for property at 232 Lakeside Drive, Assessors Map 107, Lot 15. Variance from Section 5.2 to reduce setback from the lake from 75 feet required to 50 feet at the closest point to construct a porch addition on an existing deck.
Interested parties may appear and be heard and written testimony received. Applications and plans on file in Land Use Office. Dated at Lebanon, CT this 7th day of April, 2022.
Holli E. Smith, Recording Secretary
4/9 & 4/15/22 7188025

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 70 E Main St, Stratford, CT 06614, April 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Carlos Nelson, 5065, Furniture and Household items. Sharon Montesanti, 3135, 100 boxes of Clothes and Rugs and other Misc. Items. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
4/15 & 4/22/22 7188338

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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Old Saybrook (the "applicant") of 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook will submit to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection an application under Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 22a-361.

Specifically, the applicant proposes to extend and repair a launch ramp, repair a stone and concrete crib, and retain a section of a bulkhead, all in North Cove. The proposed activities will potentially affect coastal and aquatic resources.

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC, 57-B East Industrial Road, Branford, CT 06405, telephone (203) 433-4486, e-mail: mark@coastlineconsulting-ct.com.

The application will be available for inspection at the Office of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Land & Water Resources Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, telephone (860) 424-3019 from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. Please call in advance to schedule review of the application.
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Office of the District Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 2, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Windsor will conduct a virtual and in-person public hearing by the Town Council on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. at Council Chambers, Windsor Town Hall, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, Connecticut, to discuss the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input. Online access to this meeting will be included on the Town Council agenda for May 2, 2022 and will be posted on the Community Development website.
Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low and moderate income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.
The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and to review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development, or community facilities which could be part of the Town's new Application for funding for the year 2022.
Also, the public hearing will give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan, if applicable. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Windsor, Community Development Department, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095 or you may telephone 860-285-1985. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.
The Community Development Department on behalf of the Town of Windsor anticipates applying for a grant in the amount of $400,000 under the Housing Rehabilitation category. In addition, the Town will create a revolving loan fund with program income (principal and interest) generated from the grant for a housing rehabilitation loan program.
The Town of Windsor promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low and moderate income households regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability or physical/mental disability, or sexual orientation.
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Connecticut

The Capital Region Development Authority ("CRDA"), a quasi-public agency of the state of Connecticut, is seeking a qualified consultant to provide project coordination services in the Parkville neighborhood. Please use the following link to access the RFP:
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Name of Judge (Print or type)
Hon. Dawne Westbrook
Signed (Judge/Clerk) Tiffany Thibodeau
Date signed
4/6/22

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New Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission

In the matter of Garrett Homes LLC, Et. Al. v. Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of New Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-21-6148147-S, the Superior Court will hold a remote hearing on the withdrawal of the matter pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 8-8 (n), on May 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Persons interested in listening to or participating in the hearing should contact the court by emailing Abby Bowker at abby.bowker@jud.ct.gov or by calling her at (860) 548-2851 for instructions on how to participate.
4/15/2022 7191262

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Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court
Providence, SC
PETITION TO FORECLOSE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION PM NO. 2021-07777

TO ALL, WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and to ESTATE OF SOUHAIL S. EL-KHOURY Alias SOUHAIL S. KHOURY, Lina Elkhoury, Jacob S. Elkhoury, and Elie S. Elkhoury, Heirs UWD 4/9/15, BRISTOL COUNTY SAVINGS BANK, SII to FREEDOM NATIONAL BANK, IRVING OIL TERMINALS, INC., PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, TD BANK USA, NA SII to TARGET NATIONAL BANK, UNIFUND CCR, LLC, TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, FIA CARD SERVICES, DISCOVER BANK, RI DIV. OF TAXATION.
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Richard W. Nicholson, Esq., c/o Richard
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That certain lot or parcel of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated at 676 Putnam Pike, in the Town of Smithfield, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island laid out and designated as Lot 7 on Assessor's Plat 4.
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Unless your appearance is filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.
And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing citation be published once each week for three (3) successive weeks in the Providence Journal a newspaper published in State of Rhode Island and the Hartford Courant, a newspaper published in the State of Connecticut.
WITNESS, the Seal of our SUPERIOR COURT at Providence this 28th day of - March, 2022.
/s/ Stephen Burke, Clerk
4/15, 4/22, 4/29/2022 7186506

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Zigadlo, Allison



Allison B. Zigadlo, 63, of Ashford, CT passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She was born in Dover-Foxcroft, ME, daughter of the late Morris E. and Betty L. (Boutilier) Chambers. Allison is survived by her four children, Thomas Chambers and his wife Tricia, Jamie Robbins and her husband Jason, Jim Zigadlo, Jr., and Julie Sweeney and her husband Patrick; three grandchildren, Ashley, Eily and Kai; two sisters, Vicki Hockla and Connie Fertig; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Pearl Cheney. A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 11 AM at Willington Hill Cemetery, Tolland Turnpike, Willington, CT. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT has care of the arrangements. To leave a message of sympathy for her family or for directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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Garry CSJ, Sr. Mary Jane



WEST HARTFORD—Sister Mary Jane Garry (Jane Frances Garry), a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, West Hartford, CT, entered eternal life on April 5, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford. She was born in Stamford, CT, on October 30, 1926, to the late Thomas Martin Garry and Laura Margaret (Ellis) Garry. Following graduation from Sacred Heart Academy in Stamford, a high school founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister entered the Community on September 24, 1943, celebrating her Profession of Vows on August 24, 1949. At the time of her death, Sister was 95 years of age and in her 79th year of Religious Life. Sister Mary Jane earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Diocesan Sisters College, West Hartford, CT, a Master's Degree in English from Boston College, and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Loyola University in Chicago. Along with those degrees, other educational endeavors included business administration and theology at the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, MA. Sister taught in elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, at St. Mary High School, Ridge, Maryland, and at her alma mater, Sacred Heart Academy in Stamford. When St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, CT, opened in 1966, Sister Mary Jane accepted the first assistant principal position, serving in ministry with Father Edmund O'Brien, principal. Five years later, Sister was elected Provincial Superior of the North American Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, West Hartford, CT. Upon completing her term as Provincial, Sister Mary Jane was elected to the General Council in Rome, Italy, serving as a General Councilor for twelve years. During this time, Sister also assumed the position of General Treasurer for the Congregation, applying her business and financial acumen throughout the Congregation's many Provinces and Regions around the globe. Returning to the United States in 1992, Sister continued in her position of Treasurer for another six years. She also accepted a call to become the archivist for the US Province, a ministry she held until 2017. Always on mission, Sister Mary Jane moved to Oakland, CA, in 2000 as a companion with another member of the Province. She continued with archives, investing her time and talent in writing and maintaining the story of the US Province in particular. Always looking to be of service, she took on an additional ministry as she offered her financial knowledge to the Sisters of Notre Dame in the Oakland area. Embracing roles of leadership and guidance through the early years of Vatican II, changes blended with a keen vision of new trends in ministries. Sister Mary Jane embodied the idea that God wants women and men to be free to utilize all their talents and opportunities in ways that build up this world. A world where faith, justice, peace, and love can flourish, a place of grace, a place of being able to give life to others. To that end, she encouraged Sisters serving in locations around the world to embrace new ways to minister in the world, meeting the needs of people without distinction. Her greatest joy was to learn how Sisters were challenging themselves with a new ministry accepted, another journey into something never attempted before. In 2015, Sister Mary Jane returned to Connecticut with her longtime companion and dear friend Sister Jean Sauntry. She continued to work in the Provincial archives, now located in the Administrative Offices in Newington. She never ceased writing the history of the Province for publication. For Sister Mary Jane, everything was always a labor of love for the Community. In addition to her Sisters in Community, Sister Mary Jane is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Korwek of Wallingford CT, and Florida, her brother and sister-in-law, John and Barbara Garry of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, Sister is predeceased by her sisters Barbara Ann Cronin and husband, John, and Marie Dowding and husband, David, and her brother-in-law, Robert Korwek. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health conditions and restrictions for licensed facilities, a graveside service for family, friends, and Sisters will take place on Monday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Cemetery on Ringgold Street in West Hartford. If unvaccinated, please wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider a memorial donation to the Sisters of St. Joseph, c/o Office of Mission Advancement, 650 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. Fisette-Batzner Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington, has care of the arrangements.

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McCue, Diane



Diane Fanelli McCue of Niantic passed away at home surrounded by her family on the afternoon of April 7, 2022. Diane was 79 years old. She was born January 18, 1943, in Hartford, CT, the daughter of William and Giovanna (Jean) Milanese Fanelli.

Diane graduated from Bulkeley High School in Hartford, CT in 1960, and attended Albertus Magnus College and Connecticut College where she graduated with a Masters of Arts in Teaching in 1980.

Growing up, Diane and her family spent summer vacations in Niantic at Giant's Neck and at McCook's Point beach, and it was during one of these vacations that she met Stephen McCue at McCook's. They married in February of 1967. Diane taught at Wethersfield High School before deciding to stay home to raise her children until 1981 when she returned to teaching at The Williams School in New London. She taught at Williams for many years and served as the head of the Mathematics Department. Diane was one of those unique teachers who could both challenge those students who excelled at math, and instill confidence in those who did not. She also promoted her values of giving back to the community by being the head of the Community Service Club where she helped students to find joy in supporting local causes that addressed issues from homelessness to climate change.

After retiring from Williams in 2010, Diane went on to pursue her commitment to service as a leader in the local auxiliary of the Child and Family Agency. She supported their many worthy causes by organizing fundraisers such as the annual Author Luncheon and the very popular "Touch a Truck" event. She continued to hone her mathematics skills by writing questions for the National Science Foundation Science Bowl, and she also was a Renaissance woman in that she loved literature and art, and she and her husband, along with their close friends, spent a number of years pursuing her passion for traveling the world.

In addition to her husband, Steve, Diane is survived by three daughters, Jennifer Burke and her husband, Christopher, of Niantic, Allyson Foerster and her husband, Edmund, of East Lyme, and Rebecca McCue and her husband Luis Rodriguez of Niantic; her brother and sister-in-law, James and Martha Fanelli of Avon, and her sister and brother-in-law Carol and James Martin of Atlanta, GA. Diane had six grandchildren, Stephen Burke (Abigail Ettelman), Amanda Burke, Madeline Foerster, Connor Foerster, Luca Rodriguez McCue, Elena Rodriguez McCue, and one great grandchild, Theodore Burke Ettelman. She was also beloved by her nieces and nephews and their children.

There will be no calling hours. A private burial will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery, New London. A memorial service will be held at the Harkness Chapel at Connecticut College on April 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to either the Multiple Sclerosis Society or to the Child and Family Agency of New London. The Thomas Neilan and Sons Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

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D'Amico, Bruno



Bruno D'Amico, 58 of Middletown, beloved husband of Cheryl (Czapiga) D'Amico, died Sunday April 10, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. Bruno was born in Melilli, Italy, the son of the late Giovanni D'Amico and Sebastina (Catalano) D'Amico. His career was mostly spent in the tiling industry. He was quoted in published articles as being a "Maestro" of his craft, the ultimate comment a tradesman can receive. Bruno had an eye for design like no other. Not only was his work excellence, it was creative, unique and one of a kind. Bruno's work spoke for its self and the word spread. In his later years, he did tile on the side and was offered a full time gig he loved working at Hartford Convention center as an Engineer. No surprise, he made a mark on his coworkers and was beyond loved and appreciated. There was no other couple like Bruno and Cheryl. They met at Woodrow Wilson high school when Cheryl was a sophomore and Bruno was a freshman. They started dating Cheryl's senior year and have been together ever since. They were the definition of soul mates and their children aspire to have a love just like them. Bruno loved spending time with his family. They brought him the greatest pleasure above all. He became a "Nuni" in 2018 and his two grandchildren were his pride and joy. He always believed and supported in his children no matter what they wanted to do in life. His creative eye and artistic talent was passed on to his oldest daughter Jenna. He was her biggest supporter in pursing her dream of being a baker, letting her use his home kitchen every weekend, to opening a store front. He was beyond proud when she opened her bakery in 2020 and was her ultimate fan. Zachary, his only son was lucky to spend hours on hours weekly, simply talking to his dad on how to navigate through life. He taught him to take pride in being who you are, never act like somebody you're not, and be a good person no matter what. Bruno was Zachary's best friend and the most authentic, genuine, real human being he ever knew and there will never be a person on this earth like him. His youngest daughter Kaitlyn had a similar sense of humor and both shared a passion and love for the game of soccer. He was so proud of her in all her accomplishments and was a big role in her decision, for playing collegiate soccer at SCSU. He was her motivation and taught her treasured lessons on and off the field. Bruno was the her loudest cheerleader and couldn't be more proud of his "Owl". Bruno was one of a kind. If you ever had the pleasure of meeting Bruno, you know just how funny, positive, and personable he was. He built, his house from the ground up including sketching the blue prints to being the general contractor. He loved working in his yard and being outside. Bruno was a piano player an avid soccer lover. He played on the varsity team in high school from freshman to senior year and was MVP. Bruno was the ultimate soccer Dad. He rarely missed any games that all 3 children were involved in. He was known as the "side line" coach and the loudest fan in the crowd. Bruno's remaining time was spent with family at his side. Besides his wife, Bruno is survived by, two daughters, Jenna Carone and her husband Anthony of Rocky Hill, Kaitlin D'Amico of Middletown, and his son Zachary D'Amico of Middletown. He is also survived by three brothers Anthony D'Amico of Wilmington, NC, Joseph D'Amico of Middletown, Maurizio D'Amico and his wife Maria of East Hampton, and two sisters Josephine Weil of East Hampton, Meri D'Amico-Dillon and her husband John Dillon of Portland. He is also survived by 2 grandchildren: Arianna and Anthony Carone. A Funeral Liturgy will be held on Wednesday (April 20th) at 11:00 AM at St. Colman Church in Middlefield. Burial will be in Middlefield Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday (April 19th) 5:00 to 7 :00 PM. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver Street, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the CT Children's Hospital in his honor. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Wotring, Helena (Lucia)



Helena (Lucia) Wotring, 80, of Plainville, beloved wife of Terry Wotring, passed away on Saturday (April 9, 2022) at Touchpoints of Farmington. Helena was born in Poland on January 18, 1942 and was the daughter of the late Domienik and Bronislawa (Karpej) Kulak. She grew up in Poland and came to the United States in 1959. She was a devout Catholic and parishioner of Holy Cross Church in New Britain. She met her husband Terry while working at Stanley Works. She went on to work in various roles for the City of New Britain, including the Police Station and the Housing Authority, where she retired from in 2002. Family always came first for Helena. She was happiest working outside in her garden or lending a hand to a family member in need. Always meticulous, she kept a beautiful home inside and out. She loved to cook and spend time with her sisters and her grandchildren, or go on daytrips with long-time friends, Ray and Maureen Phillips. In addition to her husband of 55 years, Helena is survived by her son: Mark Wotring and his wife Lisa of Preston, her daughter, Christine (Wotring) Hill of Avon; her sister, Krystina Wilga of Massachusetts, her two brothers: Casimir Kulak of Fairfield, and Ronald Kulak of New Britain; four grandchildren: Zachary, Isabella, Max, and Luke; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her brothers: Mietek Kulak and Stanley Kulak; and her sister: Leokadia Raducha.
Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, (April 19, 2022) at 9:00am from New Britain Memorial & Donald D. Sagarino Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053, to Holy Cross Church, 31 Biruta Street, New Britain, CT 06053, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, 662 Burritt Street, New Britain, CT 06053. Relatives and friends may call at New Britain Memorial & Donald D. Sagarino Funeral Home on Monday (April 18, 2022) from 4pm to 7pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. For an online memorial, please visit www.NewBritainSagarino.com.

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Karpinski, Sr., David M.

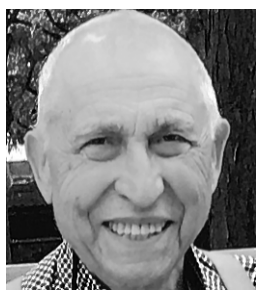


David M. "Karpy" Karpinski, Sr., 86, of Brooklyn, CT, and previously of Bloomfield, CT, loving husband to the late Loretta (Raulet) Karpinski, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 10, 2022, with his family by his side. David was born in Summit, NJ, on December 29, 1935, son to the late Martin and Catherine (Golemnieski) Karpinski. In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by eleven siblings.
David proudly served his country with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Norris during the Korean War before his honorable discharge in December of 1956. After his service, he was employed by Stanadyne Corporation for many years as an assembler before his retirement.
David is survived by his son, David Karpinski, Jr. and his wife Tina; his daughter Donna Karpinski; his three grandchildren, Kyle, Fran and Davien; great-grandchildren Krzysztof and Monika and their mother Margaret. He also leaves a special nephew Marty Karpinski and his wife Susan; a niece Elaine Williams and her husband Roger as well as other extended family.
A time of visitation will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022, from 10-11 a.m. at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A prayer service will begin at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will follow in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Windsor. To leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Marena, Teodoro



Teodoro "Ted" Marena, 83, of Vernon, passed away on April 11, 2022. Ted was born on November 24, 1938, in San Mango Sul Calore, province of Avellino, Italy and was the son of the late Alphonso and Maria (Vozzella) Marena. Ted and his older brother Mario immigrated to the United States in 1951, with little means and not knowing any English except the word "fruit". Ted had a deep love for the United States, often referring to it as the land of opportunity if you work hard. He carried a copy of the Constitution in his pocket and his ringtone was the song "Coming to America".
Ted founded Marena Industries in 1960, manufacturing steel parts and selling machinery. He was the President and ran the company until 2020. He was passionate about his work and sharing his knowledge on various topics, particularly about cars and the stock market. He was hardworking, energetic, and resilient. Ted loved and cherished spending time with his family and friends, often gathering, travelling, and sharing a meal. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the San Manghese Social Club.

He sadly leaves behind his wife, Frances, his children Maria Marena of Manchester, Teodoro Marena and his wife Janet of San Jose, CA, Sandra Baldinger and her husband Adam of Wellesley, MA, Diana Lynch of Wethersfield, and stepson Jason Karkevich and his wife Nicole of Clermont, FL. His beloved grandchildren Gina, Enzo, Dante, Matthew, Adam, Cristina, Taylor and Ryan and his great granddaughter Gabryelle. Ted is survived by his sister, Filomena Carney of West Hartford, and his brother Mario Marena of Hartford as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family members. In addition to his parents, Ted was predeceased by his sister Concetta Borea.

Special thanks to the doctors, nurses, health care providers and staff that cared for and supported him at the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and UConn John Dempsey Hospital.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, April 18, 2022, from 4p.m-7:30 p.m. at the Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect Street, Rockville, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT. Burial will follow at Mt. Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT. Memorial donations can be made to the HealthWell Foundation at www.healthwellfoundation.org. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Bak, Denise Timek



Denise (Timek) Bak, 70, of Oxford, formerly of Suffield and Wallingford, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, with her family by her side. She was the loving wife of Waldemar Bak.
Denise was born July 28, 1951, the daughter of the late Conrad and Dorothy (Hennessey) Timek and was a graduate of Lyman Hall high school. She was a lifelong crafter, reveled in child rearing and had a special love for her grandchildren. She relished attending Broadway shows, and Celtic Thunder and Michael Crawford concerts. Denise had a soft spot in her heart for animals especially ferrets and enjoyed viewing veterinarian TV programs. She relished several cross-country road trips and later in life became a passionate UCONN basketball fan.
In addition to her husband Waldemar, Denise is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Colleen Bak and Frank Ferranti and their children, Raven, Nyya and Solana; her son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Natalie Bak and their children, Sawyer, Scarlet and Sophie. She will also be missed by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Brian and Sharon Timek, and Gary and Donna Timek; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.
Her family will receive relatives and friends in The Wallingford Funeral Home, 809 N. Main St. Ext., Wallingford, on Tuesday April 19th from 10:30am until 12pm when the funeral cortege will proceed to SS. Peter and Paul Church, 127 N. Orchard St., Wallingford, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:30pm. Interment will follow in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Wallingford. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory may be sent to Ferret Association of CT, 14 Sherbrooke Ave, Hartford CT 06106; or Smilow Cancer Hospital, PO Box 1849 New Haven CT 06508; or St. Faustina Parish (SS. Peter and Paul RCC) 82 Akron St., Meriden, CT 06451.
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Hyatt, Nancy M.Miller



Nancy (Miller) Hyatt, 92, of Simsbury and formerly of Hilton Head, SC, and Bloomfield, beloved wife of the late Robert E. Hyatt, passed away Friday, April 8, 2022. Born in Allentown, PA, daughter of the late Dr. Calvin J. and Isabelle (Kline) Miller; she graduated Kutztown University in PA earning a BS in Education and was a member of Tau Kappa athletic sorority. She leaves her children Kimberlee Ann Watkins and her husband Thomas, Robert E. Hyatt, Jr, Melissa Jane Hyatt, and Scott C. Hyatt; her grandchildren to whom she owes some of the best and happiest hours of her life, Spencer and his wife Liz Penttila and Curtis Miller Watkins, Robert "Everett" Hyatt, III, Jonathan Hyatt, and Kaitlin Isabelle Hyatt, Matthew H. DeSimone, and Hanna Jane DeSimone; her sister Sally Chromiak and her husband Stephen; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband and parents she was predeceased by her daughter-in-law Mary Sheldon Hyatt. She was a member of Old Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, the church choir, altar guild board, and Episcopal Church Women of the CT Diocese. An avid golfer, she was a member of the Golf Club of Avon and the CT Women's Golf Association. She was a past board member, treasurer, and volunteer at the Institute of Living, Hartford where she was awarded the Volunteer of the Year in 1982 for her work establishing the Show and Sell Shop now the Auxiliary Store. When living in Hilton Head, SC she was active in the Bluffton Garden Club, and volunteered at Calhoun Station and Moss Creek Women's Clubs. "Then it hit me. My turf. Wouldn't it be ironic if my turf yielded the most important commodity being grown today...a family. A crop of children, seeded by love, watered by tears, enriched with values, protected from disease and emotional storms and in 18-20 years harvested into worthwhile human beings to go through the entire process again. Nothing else I would do would equal it in importance." A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Lives of both Nancy and Bob Hyatt, will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022, 12 Noon, at Old Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, 59 Tariffville Road, Bloomfield. A reception will follow the service. Burial was in Old Saint Andrew's Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Old Saint Andrew's Church. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Decker, Jr., Lawrence I.

Lawrence I. Decker Jr., of Bristol, husband of Barbara (Craig) Decker, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 10, 2022. Beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, he proudly served in the United States Army with the 11th ABN Div. He spent the majority of his working career in hospital finance. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff on 89 of St. Francis Hospital for the compassionate care given to Larry and his family during his month long illness.
Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville, on Monday (April 18) from 10 to 11 am followed by a Prayer Service at 11:00 am in the funeral home with Rev. Kristen J. Kleiman officiating. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Galusha, Mary (Heneghan)



Mary (Heneghan) Galusha, 68, wife of Terence Galusha, of Rocky Hill, passed away April 12, 2022 in Saint Francis Hospital after a courageous battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She was born in Hartford, daughter of the late Francis and Mary (Degnan) Heneghan. Besides her husband, she will be greatly missed by her children, Christopher Galusha of Rocky Hill and his sons Colin and Camden and her daughter Mary Kate Galusha and her partner Laura Cowieson of Boston, MA and her brother James Heneghan of Woodstock Valley.
Friends may call on Monday April 18, 2022 from 4:00 to 7:00 at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating her life will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10:00 am in Saint James Church of Saint Josephine Bahkita Parish, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. Burial will follow in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National MS Society, PO Box #91891, Washington, D.C. 20090. To read for obituary or to extend condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com.

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Dowd, Nancy (Redshaw)

Nancy (Redshaw) Dowd, 89, of East Hartford, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at Riverside Health & Rehabilitation Center in East Hartford. Born in East Hartford on May 16, 1932, a daughter of the late Clarence and Nancy (Bonnett) Redshaw, she had been a lifelong resident of East Hartford. She was a graduate of East Hartford High School, class of 1950. Prior to her retirement in 1997, she was employed as an Assistant Head Cook for over 20 years by Riverside Health & Rehabilitation Center.
Nancy is survived by her son, Otto D. Dowd and his wife Maria; her granddaughter, Holly Darlene Dowd; many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Along with her beloved parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Darlene Sue Dowd; her brother, Clarence Redshaw; and her three sisters, Patricia Hoar, Ida Funk, and Joan Griffin.
In accordance with Nancy's wishes, private funeral service and burial will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Nancy's memory may be made to a favorite charity of the donor's choice. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.

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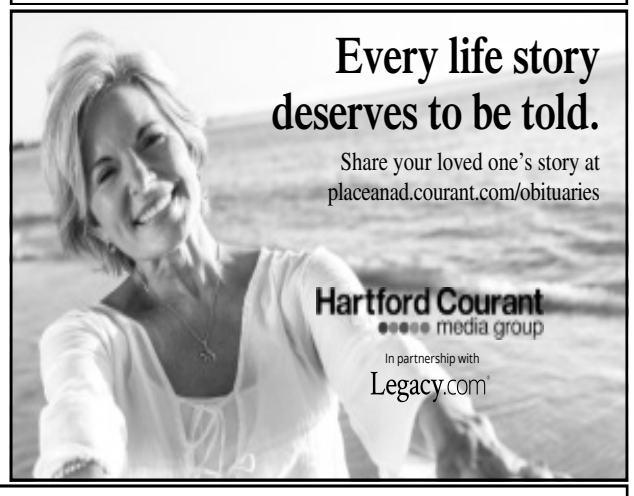
Clark, Easterlean



Ms. Easterlean Clark was born on July 25, 1945, in Atmore, AL to the late Mr. Willie and Mrs. Bessie Dennis Clark. She was a graduate of Escambia County Training School in 1963. She later moved to Hartford, CT and was employed at Futuramik, Industries for 30 years and the United States Postal Service for 7 years prior to retiring. She was a proud longtime member of Mount Olive Baptist Church. She enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, like spending time with her family, watching the ID channel and Judge Judy. She had a cheerful personality that was contagious to everyone she met.
Ms. Easterlean Clark departed this life on Sunday April 10, 2022, surrounded by her loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer. She is preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Bessie Clark; son Anthony Norman; brothers Fred and Larry Clark and sisters Pollie Clark, Lillian Curry, Joyce North and Thelma Ray.
She will forever be cherished by her children; Charlie Norman of Annandale, VA, Allison Norman Vera (Steve Vera) of West Hartford, CT and Yvonne Norman of Rex, GA; her sister Linda Faye Clark of Atmore, AL; grandchildren Troy Norman of Hartford, CT, Joshua Norman of Willimantic, CT, Charlie Norman, Jr. of Annandale, VA and Steve W. Vera of Astoria, NY and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.
Visitation will be Monday, April 18, 2022 from 10:00am to 11:00am at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 20 Battles Street, Hartford. A Home Going Ceremony will follow at 11:00am. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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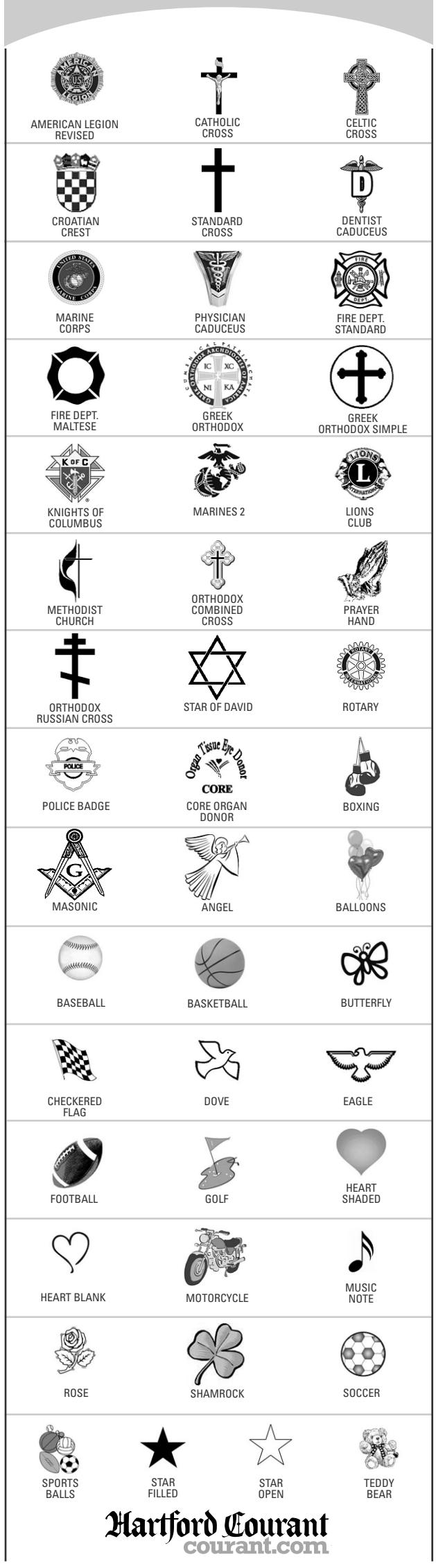
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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Positive case rate continues to rise

Now at highest level in more than two months, with hospitalizations ticking up across the state

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

As the BA.2 subvariant of COVID-19 spreads through the Northeast, Connecticut continues to see rising levels of cases and hospitalizations, state numbers show.

Connecticut's seven-day test positivity rate now stands at 6.3%, its highest level since early February, while hospitalizations have reached their highest level in more than a month. The state's test count has risen only modestly, but experts warn that many cases are going uncounted due to the popularity of at-home tests.

Meanwhile, the state reported 14 additional COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 10,809. All 14 people who died were unvaccinated, according to the state.

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, said all signs point to a continued uptick that peaks far short of what Connecticut saw during its initial omicron variant wave. He said he's hopeful cases will begin to decrease again by the end of April.

"It's going exactly as we expected it," Wu said. "Numbers are going to rise, but I don't think we're going to reach a surge or spike."

The Northeast is currently experiencing the most COVID-19 of any part of the United States, which experts attribute to the spread of BA.2, a subvariant related to omicron that is now dominant in the region.

Dr. David Banach, hospital epidemiologist at UConn Health, agreed that Connecticut doesn't seem to be facing the steep trajectory of cases it experienced over the winter, but that the state was nonetheless experiencing "significant" transmission.

"Whether it's going to subside in the days and weeks ahead vs. a bit longer, I think we'll have a good sense of that in the next few days and weeks," Banach said.

The arrival of warm weather, Banach said, could help mitigate the current uptick.

"There are some potential signs of optimism," he said. "Even though we've seen COVID circulate in warmer months, generally speaking warmer months are more favorable in the Northeast."

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut has reported 3,442 cases out of 54,982 tests over the past week, for a positivity rate of 6.3% — up from 4.9% the seven days prior.

Connecticut's average of 492 daily cases over the past week is up slightly from recent weeks, though down from more than 10,000 at one point in January. Unvaccinated residents have been about three times as likely to test positive in recent weeks as vaccinated residents, according to state numbers.

As of Thursday, 54 of Connecticut's 169 municipalities remain in the state's "red alert" category, meaning they have averaged at least 15 daily cases per 100,000 residents over the past week.

Currently, Westport is the Connecticut municipality with the highest rate of new COVID-19 cases, followed by Greenwich,

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Man gets prison in cocaine scheme

Feds say drugs from California, Puerto Rico were sold in Hartford

Staff report

A man who federal authorities said was involved in drug dealing in Hartford was sentenced to more than eight years in prison Wednesday, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Pedro Rivera, 50, who last resided in St. Cloud, Florida, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Vanessa L. Bryant in Hartford to a total of 100 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, for "trafficking cocaine," federal authorities said in a statement.

The case resulted from an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Hartford Task Force and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service into "individuals who were receiving shipments of cocaine from Puerto Rico and California and distributing the drug in and around Hartford," federal authorities said in the statement, citing court documents and statements made in court.

"The investigation revealed that Rivera arranged to have a cocaine source in Puerto Rico send parcels containing kilograms of cocaine to addresses in Hartford," the statement said. "When the cocaine parcels arrived, Jesus Rodriguez, a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier," allegedly "delivered the cocaine to Rivera. Rodriguez also distributed cocaine to his own drug customers, and delivered parcels to other cocaine traffickers in the Hartford area," the statement said.

Federal authorities also said that investigators "intercepted numerous communications over a court-authorized wiretap during which Rivera and Rodriguez arranged the delivery of a cocaine

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'NATURAL GLOW' ON DISPLAY

Ariana Dallas, top left, of Hartford, adjusts a necklace she made on her friend H'elena St. Arromand, of West Hartford, in preparation to take photos of St. Arromand and two other friends at Elizabeth Park in Hartford on Wednesday. Dallas is starting a self-care and beauty business called Natural Glow and needed some photos for her website, which she hopes to launch by the end of April. St. Arromand, right, is wearing necklaces made by Dallas. The spring weather made it possible to finally get outside and take the photos.



'A really big deal for Connecticut'

$75M tax incentive for Sikorsky brought to General Assembly

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

The Lamont administration on Thursday pitched its tax incentive deal with helicopter manufacturer Sikorsky Aircraft to receptive state lawmakers required to sign off on the deal.

"I think it's a really big deal for Connecticut," said state Rep. Sean Scanlon, House chairman of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. "Obviously, we are the maker of the helicopters that defend our country and to keep that happening here in Connecticut and sustain the jobs as they have I think is incredibly important to the state."

Economic Development Commissioner David Lehman told the committee that the $75 million tax incentive deal has "significant upside."



Lockheed Martin claims its Sikorsky S-97 Raider prototype "will redefine helicopter flight during the 21st century." COURTESY

"We want to make sure Connecticut is the incumbent and that Stratford is the base for those helicopters, not just for the next 20 years, but for the next 50 years," he said.

Gov. Ned Lamont announced March 28 the 20-year agreement with Sikorsky, a subsidiary of aviation and defense giant Lockheed Martin Corp. The incentives in sales tax and other incentives is contingent on Sikorsky winning a federal contract for at least one

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New Britain's tax cut to stay for another year

Mayor credits increased revenues, COVID relief

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant



Stewart

Crediting the federal government's infusion of millions of dollars in COVID-19 relief, New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart announced Wednesday that she plans to keep last year's property tax cut unchanged for another year.

New Britain taxpayers will see the same 49.5-mill tax rate in the coming year, even though city spending will jump by about $8 million.

"Last year I genuinely wasn't sure if I'd be able to maintain it for another year," Stewart said. "I said it might be a one-time thing. But we're keeping it this year, and a lot of that is attributed to increased revenues."

The tax rate dropped from 51.5 mills to 49.5 last year, a roughly 2% reduction that officials estimated was worth about $350 to the average taxpayer. That rate will stay in place under her plan.

New Britain also will have no layoffs or service cuts in the new year under the proposal. Stewart, a Republican in her fifth term, formally presented the plan to the city council Wednesday evening.

The federal government is providing about $6 million in coronavirus relief funding, enough to cover more than two-thirds of the spending increase she proposed.

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CONNECTICUT

Man dead, hostage safe after 19-hour standoff in Guilford



Guilford police cars at the scene of an armed standoff during which a man held a relative hostage. **COURTESY**

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A man is dead and his female hostage is safe after a 19-hour armed standoff in Guilford ended Thursday morning, police said.

A neighborhood lockdown was lifted about 7:45 a.m., although a few streets in the area remained closed as state police continued to investigate.

The man's fatal gunshot wound appears to be self-inflicted, Guilford Police Chief Warren "Butch" Hyatt said at a news conference, although the official cause and manner of death will be determined during the autopsy. He didn't release the man's name.

Earlier, roads were closed and area residents were asked to stay in their homes during the protracted standoff as hostage negotiators tried to get the man to peacefully come out of the house on Fitch Hill Road.

According to Hyatt, the standoff started about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday after firefighters responded to a 911 call about a structure fire on Durham Road, or Route 77. The firefighters arrived and saw smoke coming out of a house.

According to Hyatt, before they could battle the blaze, they were confronted at that location by a male, brandishing weapons.

They backed off — which the chief said was the right move — and alerted police. The armed man got into a vehicle and took off, Hyatt said. Police then got a call from a Fitch Hill Road address and learned that the armed man was there. Both houses are in the man's family, Hyatt said.

It wasn't long before police realized they had a hostage situation when a close relative called police to say she was being held against her will.

"We had gotten a phone call from inside the house from the family member who indicated that he was there and he was armed and they were being held inside the house," Hyatt said.

Officers called hostage negotiators with a regional SWAT team and tried for hours to convince the man to release the woman and come out peacefully, but the effort failed, Hyatt said.

About 3 a.m. Thursday, Guilford police called the state police to give the SWAT team a break because of the amount of time officers had been out there on the scene, over 14 hours straight, through the day and the evening, he said.

Despite repeated efforts, the state police SWAT team was not able to make contact with anyone inside the house, state police Lt. Alex Giannone said.

After dawn, police heard what sounded like a woman crying out in distress, he said. They used what Hyatt referred to as "diversionary munition," which made popping sounds to distract the armed man, and they went into the home.

Giannone said troopers rescued the woman, and when they checked the house, they found the man on the second floor, dead of an apparent gunshot wound.

The woman had no obvious injuries but was taken to the hospital to be checked, he said.

Hyatt said the state police Major Crime Squad will conduct a thorough investigation.

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Tractor trailer falls off I-95 overpass



A tractor trailer fell off an overpass Wednesday and dropped to the road below in Milford, state police say. **MILFORD PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS**

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A tractor trailer fell off a Milford overpass Wednesday and landed upside down on Route 1, state police said.

The wreck, which flattened part of the trailer, was the result of a three-vehicle collision on Interstate 95 South, state police said. No one was seriously injured.

According to the state police, the crash happened about 3:30 p.m. when Deviana Alisha Robinson, 25, of Ansonia drove a 2000 Toyota Camry in the right shoulder in an attempt to pass a 2016 Honda driven by Candice Beckford-Wells, 50, of Stratford. Robinson sideswiped Beckford-Wells' Honda and rear-ended a tractor trailer in front of it driven by Andrew D. Beverley, 47, of Hartford.

The rear-end collision cause Beverley to lose control of the rig, which rolled over the guardrail and landed roof-first on the road below, state police said.

Beverley and Robinson were taken to Yale New Haven Hospital and Bridgeport Hospital, respectively, to be treated for injuries that troopers described as minor. Police said it appeared all three drivers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Police didn't say if they cited anyone for causing the wreck.

EAST LYME

Police arrest man suspected of recording 13 people in beach association bathroom

Police arrested a Massachusetts man who they say recorded more than a dozen people in a beach association bathroom in East Lyme.

Nicholas Spellman, 21, of Wilbraham, Mass., was charged Wednesday with 13 counts of voyeurism, eavesdropping, disorderly conduct and two counts of risk of injury to a minor.

The latter charge suggests children were among the victims.

Court records show that New London police arrested Spellman last year and in January on voyeurism charges, and that the Jan. 28 arrest includes a charge of first-degree illegal possession of child pornography.

The New London investigation of Spellman is what led to the East Lyme charges, police said.

A forensic examination by state police pointed to criminal activity in the small beach town.

Police learned that Spellman had placed a video-recording device in the bathroom of a private beach association where he worked, Chief Michael T. Finkelstein said.

Investigators were able to identify the 13 victims by interviewing people in multiple states, he said.

— *Christine Dempsey*

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The city is operating with a $243 million budget this year; her proposal would boost that to $251 million in the new fiscal year.

The board of finance had recommended a $256 million plan, but Stewart said that would have forced a significant tax increase.

"The federal dollars are also providing us with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a dent in the list of capital projects the city needs," she said Wednesday afternoon. "We're completely renovating Osgood Park, we're building a new health department, we're putting a fiber optics network through the entire city so all of our residents have access to affordable internet."

Her proposal also shifts routine road maintenance to the general operating budget instead of periodic bond issues. Interest and bond counsel expenses can add about 20% to the base cost of repaving streets, she said.

"This has bothered me forever. Road maintenance is an essential function of local government, but we've consistently bonded for that work. It's not a good practice," she said.

The city spends about $2 million a year on road work, with about half coming from state aid. She wants the annual budget to phase in the remaining half and is asking for $300,000 as a start in next year's plan.

The council will review the budget between now and early June. With a 12-3 Republican majority, it is expected to adopt Stewart's proposal with no significant change.

Democrats, however, are likely to raise the issue of education funding because Stewart's budget carries no new funding for city schools.

She noted that the board of education didn't ask for additional funds this year, and that it is scheduled to receive more than $70 million in federal COVID-19 aid.

But Democrats and some educators have complained for years that Stewart's administration steadily increases municipal spending while flat-funding the 10,000-student school system.

Last year Stewart publicly chastised the schools administration for years of poor student performance, and said "throwing more money at the problem simply isn't enough."

Educators counter that New Britain ranks next-to-last in the state for local spending on schools.

Stewart last year budgeted $500,000 as a one-time infusion for the schools, and added $1.5 million to that as other accounts yielded surpluses. She is proposing no addition to that fund this year.

Despite a prediction last year by some Democratic leaders that parents and other voters would punish Stewart in the November election, she scored a roughly 2-to-1 victory over state Rep. Bobby Sanchez — who had made education a central issue in his campaign.

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Fairfield, Guilford and Madison.

Under the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's new guidance, all eight Connecticut counties are recording "low" levels of COVID-19, meaning that masking is not considered necessary there.

Hospitalizations: As of Thursday, Connecticut had 139 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, up 12 from a week prior and the most at a given time since March 11.

Many of those patients, officials say, are "incidental" cases, meaning they were admitted for non-coronavirus reasons before testing positive upon arrival.

Deaths: The 14 coronavirus-linked deaths Connecticut reported Thursday were the fewest in a single week since last October, before the state's winter surge.

COVID-19 deaths, which typically lag other metrics by several weeks, have dipped in recent months, returning to pre-omicron levels. The United States has now recorded 987,932 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations: As of Thursday, 95% of Connecticut residents 5 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 78.8% of all residents and 83% of those 5 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 51.3% of fully vaccinated residents have received at least one booster dose, while about 68,000 residents have received a second booster shot, a Department of Public Health spokesperson said Thursday.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses, likely inflating the reported number of first-dose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

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parcel. Investigators subsequently seized the parcel, which contained three kilograms of cocaine."

Rivera was arrested in Florida on June 3, 2019 and the next day a grand jury in Hartford returned an indictment charging Rivera, Rodriguez and 17 others with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and related offenses, the statement said.

Rivera, who has been held since his arrest, pleaded guilty on Nov. 3, 2021 to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, the statement said.

The DEA Hartford Task Force includes personnel from the DEA Hartford Resident Office, Connecticut State Police, and the Bristol, Hartford, East Hartford, Enfield, Manchester, New Britain, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Windsor Locks and Willimantic police departments.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Geoffrey M. Stone through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Program. More information about the OCDETF Program is at https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF.

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new line of helicopters.

The agreement calls on Sikorsky to establish between 7,250 and 7,750 jobs over the next 20 years. And it increases the manufacturer's spending on its 240 suppliers to $470 million through 2042. It represents an increase from $300 million to $410 million agreed to in a 2016 deal with Connecticut, Lehman said.

And Sikorsky is committing $70 million to $84 million a year in capital spending at Stratford over the next decade, he said.

Sikorsky will produce its 5,000th Black Hawk this year, George Mitchell, vice president of operations at the helicopter manufacturer, told the committee in a video meeting. The helicopter, which was a mainstay in U.S. wars in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq, is still in high demand, he said. But in the 2030s and beyond, Sikorsky will replace the Black Hawk with the Defiant and Raider aircrafts, he said.

The Defiant, a troop transport and medevac aircraft, and Raider, a scout attack armed helicopter, are the "future of our company," Mitchell said.

The U.S. Army is transforming into a multi-domain force and will modernize its helicopter fleet, Sikorsky said.

If the so-called "assistance agreement" with Connecticut is not approved, costs for Sikorsky will rise and affect the manufacturer's competitiveness, said Robert Head, vice president of government affairs at Lockheed Martin.



Brian Montanari, from left, president of aviation supplier Habco, Paul Lavoie, Connecticut's chief manufacturing officer, and Gov. Ned Lamont speak in East Hartford on Thursday. **STEVE SINGER/HARTFORD COURANT**

State Rep. Lezlye Zupkus, R-Prospect, asked about continued congressional funding of Pentagon programs. She said Connecticut has "bragging rights" for Sikorsky based in Connecticut.

Head said defense spending is rising in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and attempts by China to establish hegemony in Asia.

"The outlook for now the time being is better than it was two years ago," he said.

Lockheed Martin and Gov. Dannel P. Malloy negotiated a $220 million package of investments in 2016 committing the manufacturer to will build CH-53K King Stallion helicopters, a heavy-lift helicopter, until at least 2032.

Mitchell said Sikorsky will produce its third 53K production heavy lift helicopter in the next week in Connecticut and "very shortly we'll see that helicopter flying around in our neighborhoods here in Connecticut." Two more will be built in 2022.

Gov. Ned Lamont celebrated the deal as an "earn as you go" agreement. His administration worked with Democratic and Republican legislative leaders, he said and said it's "time to ratify this and go forward."

Several manufacturers appeared with the governor. Brittany Isherwood, president of Burke Aerospace in Farmington, said the deal could help her company become a supplier for Sikorsky.

Brian Montanari, president and chief executive officer of Habco, an engine and airframe tooling company in Glastonbury, said the Sikorsky-Connecticut agreement, if approved by the legislature, would give a significant boost to the manufacturer's supply chain.

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Labor force boosted by 4,600 jobs in March

From construction to utilities, a look at who was hiring and where

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

The hiring of landscapers and construction workers at the start of spring accounted for most of the new jobs in Connecticut in March, the state Department of Labor reported Thursday.

The state added 4,600 jobs, now posting a recovery rate of 81.8% of the nearly 300,000 jobs lost at the start of the pandemic in March and April 2020. Gov. Ned Lamont said there's "some truth" to the observation that the state has a long way to go to bring back all the lost jobs and create new ones.

"I think the world is changing," he said at a news conference in East Hartford to discuss the state's tax deal to keep Sikorsky Aircraft in Connecticut.

"I think you're finding more and more self-employed people. You're finding more and more startups. That's not all reflected in the jobs numbers."

The unemployment rate fell to 4.6% from 7% in March 2021. Before the pandemic there had not been a 12-month period with a decline that large since the 1970s, said Patrick Flaherty, the Department of Labor's research director.

Though the jobless rate fell 0.3% in one month with the decline of 4,929 unemployed workers, it's still a percentage point higher than the U.S. rate.

The administration and support services sector posted strong growth in March, accounting for 3,300 jobs, partly due to the landscaping industry, the state said.

The number of private sector jobs is rising as government employment falls. And Labor Commissioner Danté Bartolomeo cautioned that economists are "watching several key indicators, including energy prices, inflation and the labor shortage."

Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, said the state's economic recovery will continue to trail New England and the U.S. "if lawmakers do not address key issues such as higher unemployment taxes and the overwhelming number of proposed labor mandates" he said make it harder to do business in Connecticut.

What industries hired in Connecticut in March? Professional and business services (administrative and support; professional, technical and scientific), up 2,900 jobs.

Construction and mining, up 1,300.

Trade, transportation and utilities gained 900 jobs.

Leisure and hospitality, up 500 jobs.

Manufacturing gained 300 jobs.

Education and health services, up 200 jobs.

Where did the number of jobs decline? Government, down 900 jobs.

Financial activities shed 600 jobs.

Which labor markets in the state added or lost jobs? The Hartford labor market, which added 2,300 jobs, led the state in March.

The New Haven area gained 1,300 jobs.

The Norwich-New London-Westerly labor market added 200 jobs.

Danbury added 100.

The Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk labor market, which has been an employment magnet, reversed course in March and dropped 1,200 jobs.

The Waterbury labor market was unchanged.

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A surge in the hiring of landscapers and construction workers helped propel job creation in Connecticut in March, the state Department of Labor reported Thursday. **SOFIE BRANDT/HARTFORD COURANT**

A Roger Williams LP, released in 1959, was borrowed from the Rockville Public Library in 1978 and was returned to the library Monday. **COURTESY**

Better late than never?

Record album, 44 years overdue, returned to Rockville Public Library

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Somebody must have really loved Roger Williams' album "With These Hands." Borrowed from the Rockville Public Library in 1978, the album was returned on Monday.

Library director Jennifer Johnston-Marius said the record was found by the son of the Rockville resident who borrowed the album 44 years ago.

"We've had items returned a few years late, especially when people are moving," Johnston-Marius said. "But never anything this old."

The library is not divulging the "With These Hands" borrower's identity. (Not everyone wants to be outed as a Roger Williams fan.)

"He had been going through an old record collection and said, 'Oh, wow, this isn't ours,' " Johnston-Marius said of the dutiful son. "We couldn't believe he brought it back. He was prepared to pay a fine."

No fine was levied for the late return. For one thing, there are no longer any other vinyl albums at the Rockville library. Like a lot of libraries, Rockville dispensed with its LP record collection in the early '90s, when cassette tapes and then CDs became the dominant formats for recorded music. In recent years, vinyl LPs have made a comeback, but not at libraries, which now offer digital music services.

The song "With These Hands" was a hit for Eddie Fisher in 1953 and was later recorded by everyone from Tom Jones to Guy Lombardo to The Temptations to Jerry Lewis. Roger Williams' instrumental solo piano version was released in 1959. Among the 11 other tracks on the "With These Hands" album: the movie themes from "Gigi" and "An Affair to Remember"; "Bess, You Is My Woman" from the opera "Porgy and Bess"; and "The Syncopated Clock," which at the time of the album's release would've been recognized as the theme of the CBS's "Late Show" movie screenings.

Roger Williams records aren't hard to come by, often clogging the bins at thrift shops. That would have been as true in 1978 as it is now. Williams had over three dozen albums on the charts between 1955 and 1972. The pianist, who late in life became known for his 12-hour marathon piano performances, died in 2011. In the late '70s, at the time the leisurely Rockville listener was grooving to "With These Hands," Williams had recently released a greatest-hits compilation and would soon release a Christmas album.

Some of the hot records of 1978, when the Williams LP was checked out, were Bruce Springsteen's "Darkness on the Edge of Town," Patti Smith Group's "Easter," The Rolling Stones' "Some Girls," the debut albums from Van Halen, Devo and The Cars and the second albums from an assortment of punk and new wave acts including The Clash, Elvis Costello and Talking Heads.

Does the return of "With These Hands" to the library mean that someone with a library card and a working turntable at home can check out the disk? Sadly, no.

"It's not in the greatest of shape," Johnston-Marius said. "And it is not currently in our catalog," which still consisted of paper cards when the record was checked out. The record was not in the library's inventory when the catalog changed to a computerized system decades ago.

Yet Rockville Public Library doesn't plan to let "With These Hands" slip through its hands again.

"We're keeping it as a memento," Johnston-Marius said. "We've found some other things around the library and we're thinking of doing a display 'from the good old days.' "

In the present day, Rockville Public Library is returning to a busy schedule that resembles pre-COVID normalcy, with teen programs, story times, chess club and, for gardeners, a seed library.

What would a 44-year-overdue seed look like? An oak tree?

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State ups scrutiny in West Haven

Board votes to increase control over spending in wake of financial audit

By Andrew Brown
CT Mirror

A state oversight board plans to increase its control over West Haven's finances following a critical audit that found the city had misspent federal relief funds and failed to protect taxpayer money from potential fraud.

The 10 members of Connecticut's Municipal Accountability Review Board, or MARB, voted to tighten their grip over West Haven's spending even as the city's leaders objected to the move.

West Haven, a city of roughly 55,000 residents, has been subject to MARB review for more than four years, but Thursday's vote will substantially increase the board's powers moving forward.

Under what is known as a Tier IV designation, MARB will now have the ability to approve or reject West Haven's annual budget. It will have more power to review city contracts and spending. And it will have authority over the collective bargaining agreements with the city's public employee unions.

West Haven is the first municipality to be subject to that level of state scrutiny since the MARB was formed by the legislature in 2017. Several MARB members recognized the historic nature of the vote, calling it an "extraordinary intervention."

MARB members and West Haven's auditors warned the city's leaders for several years that they didn't have the proper controls in place to protect taxpayer money and catch potential fraud.

Those warnings largely went unheeded, however, as the city failed to enact better purchasing rules or increase the staffing within its finance department.

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Striking workers could be paid unemployment insurance

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

The state Senate on Wednesday approved legislation that would pay unemployment insurance to striking workers, a boost to Connecticut's unionized employees who could financially withstand walkouts while ending established state policy that restricts benefits to employees who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

The measure passed 19-13 in the Democratic-led Senate, largely along party lines. It now heads to the House of Representatives.

Bowing to strong and unified opposition from Republicans, Democrats twice changed the date on which the measure would take effect, to July 1, 2024. The measure initially was to become effective Oct. 1 and was pushed out to Jan. 1, 2023.

"We listened to what our colleagues were saying," Sen. Julie Kushner, a Danbury Democrat and co-chairwoman of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, said in explaining the decision to extend the effective date.

The measure makes workers eligible for unemployment benefits after they've been on strike for two consecutive weeks.

In debate lasting about three hours, Democrats said paying unemployment insurance to strikers would be rare. The last major work stoppage was an 11-day strike in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union against Stop & Shop in April 2019.

Democrats said they're looking to give workers a boost against powerful businesses.

"The scales always tilt to the side of employers who have greater resources," said Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney.

Republicans said that under the Democrats' plan the state would abandon neutrality and choose sides in labor disputes.

"Our job is to represent all of our constituents," said state Sen. Rob Sampson, the top Republican on the Labor committee. "And that includes not just employees or union labor employees or employers. It includes everyone. And our job is not to put our hand on the scale either."

State Sen. Tony Hwang, R-Fairfield, said paying unemployment benefits to strikers would give unions leverage provided by the state that would "interject itself" in contract negotiations between two private parties.

Sen. Majority Leader Bob Duff of Norwalk said the legislation protects small businesses against multinational corporations. The measure is "not about a mom and pop store with eight employees," he said.

Stop & Shop is owned by Ahold Delhaize, a Dutch company.

But Republicans countered that the legislation would sweep up small business, too.

"I find it insulting to every small business owner in this state," said Sen. Heather Somers, R-Groton. "The state of Connecticut has no business being in the middle of the employee and employer."

Paying unemployment benefits during strikes would deplete the trust fund that's been tapped during the pandemic and would stunt Connecticut's slow-growth economy, Republican senators said. Connecticut is "near dead last in job growth, near dead last in income growth," said Minority Leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford.

Republicans and businesses have opposed several bills advanced by the Labor and Public Employees Committee, which is looking to advance worker rights on issues such as work schedules and required work site meetings.

"I'm constantly dismayed at what the labor committee puts out year after year," said Republican Sen. Paul Formica of East Lyme. "What's missing is what happens to employers who take the chances to establish a business ... to make a living."

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Courtney B. Vance isn't 'overnight sensation'

Actor's steady career became even busier after winning Emmy

By Greg Braxton
Los Angeles Times



Courtney B. Vance stars as Franklin Roberts alongside Aunjanue Ellis as Martha Roberts in "61st Street." **GEORGE BURNS/AMC**

Since his debut in the original Broadway productions of August Wilson's "Fences" and John Guare's "Six Degrees of Separation," Courtney B. Vance has jumped between stage and screen, playing an extensive gallery of strong, vibrant characters in a career that has spanned almost four decades.

But while his Tony Award-winning role in 2013's "Lucky Guy" and appearances in "The Hunt For Red October," "Picket Fences," "Law & Order: Criminal Intent," "The Closer," "The Preacher's Wife," "Isle of Dogs" and scores of other projects established Vance as a familiar presence to audiences, the breakout role that would display the full range of his craft remained elusive.

His defense of O.J. Simpson proved to be a game-changer.

Vance's sly portrayal of Simpson's cunning defense attorney Johnnie Cochran was a standout of FX's "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story," scoring the actor an Emmy and opening the door to more prominent roles.

"Folks saw 'O.J.' and said, 'Wow, this guy is an overnight sensation,'" Vance said with a slight chuckle during a recent interview. "So I said, 'OK, I'll take that.'"

His subsequent projects — including HBO's "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" and NatGeo's "Genius: Aretha" — won him more praise, and his guest role as a traveling guidebook author in HBO's "Lovecraft Country" brought another Emmy.

The actor is now the lead in AMC's "61st Street," playing a veteran public defender just days from retirement who gets wrapped up in the charged case of a Black college-bound athlete accused of killing a white Chicago police detective. Already burdened with serious health and family issues, Vance's character, Franklin Roberts, steps up to defend the young man — a decision that does not sit well with his activist wife, Martha (Aunjanue Ellis), and other members of the community.

The drama, which lists Michael B. Jordan as an executive producer, was already generating buzz ahead of its recent premiere, winning an Audience Award at March's SXSW Film Festival. And it continues Vance's streak of projects that grapple with the often-explosive subject matter of race and racism.

Said Vance: "I'm still trying to find projects that ask questions, are about provocative issues, that are fun to do and make a little money. My wife (actor Angela Bassett) and I, we will literally sit there and say, 'Is this worth doing?' We will literally ask ourselves that question because sometimes it's not clear."

This interview with Vance has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: You've always had a busy and steady career. But it seems like you've become even busier since your Emmy win for "The People v. O.J. Simpson."
A: Things shifted after "O.J." Prior to that, I still had to audition for everything. But after "O.J." and coming up on being 60 years old, I said, "OK, I think I've earned a little right to at least have something presented to me." The Emmy gave me that.

Q: Were you surprised that series made such an impact?
A: There were people who thought "O.J." would not do well because everyone knows what happened. We all saw the news coverage. But we hadn't seen what happened in the bedroom between Johnnie and his wife as he was picking out his tie, and she told him not to wear a purple tie because it made him look like a grape. That's the kind of stuff people wanted to know.

We see at every turn that Johnnie is out-dueling Marcia Clark. She had no idea what she was entering into, and thought it was business as usual until it was too late. Those are the kinds of things that made the show bigger, bigger than the actual case. It took on a life of its own. We knew we had a great project, but did we know people would get behind it and make it the thing to see? Nobody knows that. The reception is not up to us.

Q: "61st Street" is one of numerous TV dramas to look at race in the wake of the Black Lives Matter movement and the death of George Floyd and others. Looking at "O.J.," "Lovecraft" and other projects you've been involved in, this issue appears to be of great importance to you.
A: These shows open up an opportunity to have a conversation. The tragedy is we avoid the conversations, and these situations keep coming up because we avoid them. There's George Floyd. There's Trayvon Martin. Just go down the list. And there's going to be another one until somebody says, "These communities have to talk to each other." There can't be just two or three ways of dealing with people based on their skin color. It's very painful. But slavery was painful. And it took a long time for us to come to the realization that we're better off trying to work it out outside the institution than within it.

Q: Your character in "61st Street" is dealing with a lot of heavy issues, including prostate cancer, which makes taking on this case even more difficult.
A: It's life. I've dealt with prostate issues. I didn't have the cancer but had to have my prostate hollowed out. It was pressing on the urethra. The condition that is happening in the series where Franklin can't urinate — that was real, my situation. Health is wealth. That's the message. You have to go get checked. You have to get the colonoscopy, the mammogram. You have to get your teeth checked. You have to take care of the temple. I don't want somebody coming up on me saying, "If you had just come here a little earlier." That's the whole fear of going to the doctor in the African American community.

Everything is happening to Franklin. It's one sick man going against the system. But there are certain things bigger than all of us.

Q: The series also reunites you with Aunjanue Ellis, who played your wife in "Lovecraft Country" and was nominated for an Oscar this year for "King Richard." What's it like working with her?
A: We're the same. I love playing with her. She's a consummate artist. She's due. She's overdue, just like Angela is overdue.

CELEBRITIES

Oprah, network to explore inequities

From news services



Oprah Winfrey will executive produce the documentary "The Color of Care," which will air May 1. **JOEL C RYAN/INVISION 2018**

Oprah Winfrey and the Smithsonian Channel are partnering to highlight racial disparities in the health care system through a new campaign and documentary.

The network revealed on Thursday the Color of Care campaign to create a solution toward health equity. The campaign will follow the premiere of Winfrey's "The Color of Care" documentary, which airs May 1. Through Harpo Productions, Winfrey will executive produce the documentary that chronicles how people of color suffer from systematically substandard health care in the United States, with the COVID-19 pandemic being a catalyst to shed light on the issue.

The documentary will coincide with the campaign, which expects to take a broader look at the topic. The year-long campaign will bring together impacted communities, medical and nursing schools, health care workers and policymakers in hopes of finding a solution to inequities.

Brown to host daytime talk show: Karamo Brown, the star of Netflix's reality series "Queer Eye," will host a new daytime talk show launching nationwide this fall. NBCUniversal announced Wednesday that "Karamo" has been sold in 90% of the U.S. and will air in markets such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Miami and Orlando.

The daily, hourlong talk show will feature the TV personality tackling topics such as race, parenting, infidelity and complicated family dynamics.

According to producers of the series, a studio audience is an integral part of the show. "Karamo" will be produced out of the same Stamford, Connecticut, studio as the recently canceled "Maury." It's a perfect fit for Brown, who has guest hosted "Maury" many times over its past two seasons.

Cannes reveals lineup: Films by David Cronenberg, Park Chan-wook and Kelly Reichardt will vie for the coveted Palme d'Or at a Cannes Film Festival looking to reclaim its pre-pandemic allure.

Cannes film festival artist director Thierry Fremaux and president Pierre Lescure announced the lineup for this year's festival, Cannes' 75th, Thursday in Paris. After canceling the 2020 event and hosting a slightly scaled down 2021 edition, the French Riviera festival is expecting some 35,000 accredited attendees during the event slated for May 17 to 28.

The 18 films announced in Cannes' competition lineup feature new works by several former Palme winners, including Japanese filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda ("Broker"), Swedish social satirist Ruben Ostlund ("Triangle of Sadness") and Belgian brothers Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne ("Tori and Lokita"). Also in competition are Cronenberg's "Crimes of the Future," starring Lea Seydoux, Kristen Stewart and Viggo Mortensen; Reichardt's "Showing Up," which reunites her with Michelle Williams; Chan-wook's Korean mystery thriller "Decision to Leave"; and French filmmaker Claire Denis' "Stars at Noon" with Margaret Qualley.

The biggest Hollywood splashes expected at Cannes had already been announced, including a screening of "Top Gun: Maverick," which will be accompanied by a tribute to star Tom Cruise. The "Top Gun" sequel will play out of competition, as will Baz Luhrmann's Elvis Presley biopic "Elvis," starring Austin Butler and Tom Hanks.

April 15 birthdays: Actor Claudia Cardinale is 84. Actor Michael Tucci is 76. Actor Emma Thompson is 63. Actor Flex Alexander is 52. Actor Danny Pino is 48. Singer Chris Stapleton is 44. Actor Seth Rogen is 40. Actor Alice Braga is 39. Actor Samira Wiley is 35. Actor Emma Watson is 32. Actor Maisie Williams is 25.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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'Mama bear' should accept relatives' limits

Dear Amy: A few years ago, my in-laws sent my (then) young adult daughter a birthday card. Normally this would have included a monetary gift or gift card. However, when she opened it there was simply a note stating that there would be no gift, as they did not agree with what she was hoping to spend some of her birthday money on (a tattoo).

The words were hurtful and made my daughter cry, which woke up the mama bear in me.

I told my husband that he needed to talk to his parents and have them apologize. He didn't get what the big deal was.

I didn't care about a gift, but their note was hurtful, and I felt my daughter deserved an apology from people who should love her, no matter their personal beliefs.

He never said anything to them, although I have asked him to on numerous occasions.

Although I know my in-laws love us, they are much more distant — emotionally and physically —than the rest of our family.

My daughter is now planning her wedding. Due to ongoing health concerns, I am not certain they will attend, but I want us all to be prepared.

Should I press my husband to tell them the ways they have hurt our daughter?

Our daughter has not forgotten, as it is a running joke anytime she gets a card from someone.

— *Mama Bear*

Dear Mama Bear: Your husband's parents were being judgmental and unkind — but that's on them!

Their harsh judgment has likely caused their granddaughter to be wary of them. Again — that's a consequence of their choice.

I appreciate the fact that this has become something of a running joke for your daughter, because that's where I believe this incident belongs.

What I don't understand is why it is your husband's job to confront his parents over behavior that doesn't seem to surprise him in the least.

This incident happened several years ago. Your daughter is an adult. If she wants to try to affect some kind of resolution (for herself), she could contact them: "That birthday when you refused to send me a gift because you thought I might spend it on a tattoo — that really hurt! I felt like I'd fallen several pegs in your affection for me, and I worry that we've never really recovered."

My advice for you is to — yes — do your best to accept their limitations as people and as grandparents.

If you accept them as flawed people who simply aren't very good at being accepting and loving grandparents, then you won't have to confront or forgive them.

And always — treat them the way you wish they treated others.

Dear Amy: My wife and I are struggling to make summertime plans with and for our kids. Quite simply, we don't know if a COVID-19 variant may emerge and derail all our best laid plans.

Your suggestions?
— *Organized Dad*

Dear Dad: Make your plans, assume that all will go well, and prepare yourselves for possible changes.

And — I don't want to be "that guy," but please keep in mind that there are families dislocated by warfare and other natural and man-made events who don't have the privilege of even making plans.

Your family — and mine — can handle a change of best laid plans, and that in itself is something to feel extremely grateful for.

Dear Amy: I'm responding to the letter from "I Miss Her," the pregnant woman whose sister-in-law had recently lost a baby. The sister-in-law now had trouble attending baby-centered events, such as showers and birthday parties.

I lost my infant son to a drunk driver 40 years ago.

Like her sister-in-law, it was simply unbearable to be around anyone pregnant. All the same, your advice for counseling, etc., is correct. Kindness and patience are key here because all these feelings and emotions are still quite tender and raw.

I believe that in time this relationship will turn around and all will be well.

— *Been There*

Dear Been There: This question has prompted many parents who have suffered through the loss of a child to show support.

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Sandra Oh connects with ancestors through film

Intergenerational trauma explored in thriller 'Umma'

By Jen Yamato
Los Angeles Times

Sandra Oh didn't plan it this way, but she has spent 2022 so far helping Asian American audiences heal at the movies playing mothers learning to loosen up in their love.

In Pixar's animated hit "Turning Red," streaming on Disney+, Oh voices Ming Lee, the overprotective mom of precocious 13-year-old Meilin (Rosalie Chiang) whose coming of age coincides with her out-of-control ability to turn into a giant red panda.

Oh also stars in supernatural thriller "Umma" (out now via video on demand) as Amanda, a Korean American woman living happily in seclusion with her teenage daughter Chris (Fivel Stewart) on a remote bee farm — until the ghost of her own recently departed mother comes calling.

"I relate very much to both of the daughters who have to emancipate themselves!" said Oh recently. "But the tricky thing is to still be connected to our mothers as no matter what we all do, whether we want to or not, we are so profoundly connected to our parents — even if they are not present in our lives or physically there."

Working with "Umma" debut writer-director Iris K. Shim in 2019, Oh began crafting her character, Amanda, whose painful past with her estranged Korean mother, aka Umma (MeeWha Alana Lee), has led her to create her own rural life in America, largely oblivious to her daughter's burgeoning desire for independence.

Days before the pandemic shutdown in March 2020, Oh flew to Pixar in California to meet with "Turning Red" director Domee Shi, co-writer Julia Cho and producer Lindsey Collins. "I went up there to get that job, and the world changed," said Oh.



Sandra Oh, left, as Amanda and Fivel Stewart as her daughter Chris in the thriller "Umma." **SAEED ADYANI/SONY PICTURES**

After COVID-19 threw the schedule for the Sam Raimi-produced "Umma" into flux, she recorded her "Turning Red" role in a makeshift booth set up in her home.

This interview with Oh has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: "Umma" is centered on a concept that's particularly frightening and relatable to many: the fear of turning into your own mother.
A: It's visceral! One of the big themes that Iris and I were really interested in exploring was intergenerational trauma. The trauma through and post-immigration, and how when one does not deal with their history and also trauma, you inevitably will repeat it.

Q: And further — how do we break that chain? In some ways, it might even be easier for Amanda to do that for her daughter, rather than for herself.
A: Exactly. There's also a specifically Asian American, very complicated loyalty bind — definitely in "Umma," but also in "Turning Red" — that I think many of us get into and have to pass through, if we have been able to have good relationships with our parents. There is so much love there and so much expectation. And it's difficult for us to translate to other people who might not grow up in the same culture how difficult it is to say "no" or to disappoint our parents. It's our own specific struggle.

Q: Watching "Umma" I wondered: Why did it take you so long to star in a horror movie?
A: Why? Because no one's asked me to! I appreciate the question. I've been solidly on television for like 20 years and that takes up a lot of time, and I'm just busy making a living. But I am so interested in genre.

Q: So how did "Umma" make its way to you?
A: The script came to me first. Obviously, I was familiar with Sam's company, and again, it's meeting a young, passionate Asian American female filmmaker who says, "This is what I wrote. This is what I want to explore. Would you help interpret it?" Iris and I were on the same page of using genre to explore unexplored areas in the Asian American psyche. I was very interested in that. What have we not dealt with?

Q: And what was that unexplored terrain?
A: We very much invoked our own personal ancestors. We had this little table (on set) that was like a shrine, and we invited all the crew to bring in whatever image, whatever symbol of their ancestors to put on it. Because ("Umma") is all about, in some ways, honoring our ancestors. We're also dealing in a very mysterious, powerful, energetic world. In that space of creativity where you're talking about unexamined trauma, horror and violence, you need protection. Because when you call on those forces to examine them, you need an equal protection to help you move through that. That was our table.

Q: These are very different stories and characters, but there is an interesting common thread between "Umma" and "Turning Red" in that your characters are in the middle of a multigenerational family between their own more traditional parents and their diaspora-born children.
A: The three creators are all women. Iris Shim is Korean American, and Domee Shi is Chinese Canadian, and Julia Cho, Korean American. And it is that lens that I'm interested in. I thought something interesting was going on, because (the creatives) approaching me are young female filmmakers who have written their own stuff. It's like the first story in some ways is about "mother." ... I was like, here are these millennial women, and they want to tell the story about mother-daughter, but basically about mother. And I was really interested in that.

Q: In a recent interview, Iris said that her mom still hasn't seen "Umma" — and she's not sure if she wants her to. Has yours?
A: I don't think that my mom would! It's too tense, this film. My dad might watch it. But I was on a show in the '90s ... called "Arliss" on early HBO, and there was swearing on that show, and they were like ... no. But I'll tell you this: My mom and my dad helped me with my Korean (on "Umma"), as they also did on "The Chair." I have a very, very, very basic understanding of certain things, but I feel also comfortable with it so if I know what the dialogue is, I will be able to pick that up. But the actual practice of being able to speak it was very different.

It was a wonderful thing to share. And when I was doing work on my own ancestors, I had to talk to them. My parents are elderly now, and their stories are going to leave us, and the history and the mystery is going to leave us. But I also realized through the film that their presence never leaves us. We just need to call on it. Like with all beings who leave us in this material world, it's your choice how you want to still connect with them.

REVIEW

'Metal Lords' attempts to rock hard, but it's lightweight stuff

By Mark Meszoros
Willoughby News-Herald

In 2019, "Game of Thrones" showrunners David Benioff and D.B. Weiss signed a five-year, $250 million writing-producing-directing deal with Netflix. The pact already has given us "The Chair," a well-received series co-created, written and produced by Benioff's wife, Amanda Peet.

And now comes "Metal Lords," an uneven, rock-fueled teen comedy written by Weiss that is about as far from "Game of Thrones" as you can get. It's charming at times — and always appropriately heavy metal-worshiping — but it's more clunky than head-banging.

"Metal Lords" tells the tale of the new band formed by best pals and social outcasts Hunter (played by Adrian Greensmith) and Kevin (Jaeden Martell). The "post-death-metal act," whose name we can't repeat, is the brainchild of Hunter, a talented guitarist who also sings ... sort of. He has persuaded Kevin, who bangs on a single drum in the high school marching band to get out of gym class, to believe that there's no reason he can't be a metal god surrounded by drums and cymbals.

Hunter also believes they need a bassist, and Kevin wants to audition Emily (Isis Hainsworth), a clarinet player whom he notices when she unloads on the band director (pop culture writer Chuck Klosterman in a cameo). Like Kevin, she marches only to get out of gym, and her true love is the cello.

With apologies to the Joan Jetts and Lita Fords of the world, a female player is not what Hunter had in mind — to say nothing of a cellist — and he won't give Emily a chance. As Kevin enters into a romance with Emily, who isn't great about sticking to the meds that help her cope with anxiety and depression, Hunter deals with a bully and his single plastic-surgeon father (Brett Gelman) whom he doesn't respect.



Jaeden Martell, left, as Kevin and Adrian Greensmith as Hunter in "Metal Lords." **SCOTT PATRICK GREEN/NETFLIX**

Here's the problem with "Metal Lords": It's really hard to respect — or even like — Hunter. Constantly declaring that this or that is or isn't "metal" or that Thing X is "going to be huge for us" as he focuses solely on the future of the band, he is completely inflexible and wholly uninterested in others' wishes, including those of Kevin.

That is not to criticize Greensmith, who is completely believable in the role. And for someone whose guitar experience previously was centered on jazz and classical, the actor is quite convincing as a metal-loving shredder. Likewise, Martell is impressive on the skins.

Meanwhile, Hainsworth ("Misbehaviour") handles her character's mental health issues in a way that makes her character sympathetic and possibly one to whom teens with similar issues will relate.

Another area where "Metal Lords" succeeds is in its reverence for the music. It boasts a few fun cameos by hard-rock legends, one of whom, Tom Morello (Rage Against the Machine, Audioslave), serves as the movie's executive music producer. Morello wrote music for the band's original anthem, "Machinery of Torment," with Weiss taking credit for its "moronic" lyrics. Original music was also contributed by Ramin Djawadi, the composer probably best known for his work on "Game of Thrones."

The movie gets decent direction from Peter Sollett, whose filmography includes another music-powered flick in 2008's "Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist."

Disappointingly, it's mainly the work of Weiss where "Metal Lords" feels off-key. The story is clumsily shaped, and it's all but impossible to be invested in Hunter's obligatory turning, which feels unearned, and the band's inevitable late-game, against-all-odds triumphant performance.

At times, "Metal Lords" rocks, but it infrequently rolls.

Where to watch: Netflix

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Unrealistic desires might block your forward movement. You may have been dreaming of something for forever, but you're not taking action to make it happen. While your dreams might be different from reality, it may still linger as a way forward.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Uncertainty may be keeping you silent. There could be something you've been wanting to get off of your chest, but nervous energy might lead to you stumbling over your words. It's a good time to brainstorm what you're going to say! It may be best to save the speech for another time.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Expectations from an authority figure may confuse you. Ask them to clarify as soon as possible . You will likely need more information, so don't be shy about asking questions! Nodding and pretending to know what's going on won't cut it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone may doubt your progress. Your pride in a recent achievement could be damaged by another person's belittlement. Instead of giving up on progressing, try to realize that they're probably coming from a place of ignorance in regard to the time and effort that you've put in.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Living in the future could be causing you to miss the present. Having big dreams and goals is admirable, but you need to watch out for what's going on around you. Excitement or fear about what's to come can cloud your judgment, so make an effort to be where you are and appreciate what you have.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Trying to please everyone can end up pleasing no one. You try to compromise with everyone, but others could accuse you of being fake or trying to play both sides. Instead of attempting to provide what everyone wants, bring more of your authentic takes to the conversation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Unhealthy attachments may be wearing you down. Someone could be manipulating you or secretly harboring negative feelings for you. On the other hand, it might be a habit that's unhealthy, and you've convinced yourself that the consequences aren't bad.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Good intentions can only take you so far. While you just want to help people, taking on the burdens of too many people may cause burnout. Remember you're only one person and your loved ones value you beyond your contributions! Someone who only values your service doesn't really care about you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Erratic changes may be throwing you off. Rolling with the punches is your best plan of action! Getting frustrated with the snags and trying to avoid dealing with them will only create more worry over time. First, tackle your least favorite tasks — that way you can get them out of the way.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Some words might stick around long after their speaker is gone. Dwelling on any negative statements can end up with you blowing them out of proportion and wasting your precious time. Instead of focusing on your flaws, focus on your strengths!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People who don't want the best for you might have too much influence on your feelings. Someone may be projecting their own fears or failures onto you. Have confidence in your choices and know that at least you made them, and they weren't made for you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be seeing things as more dramatic than they are. Your idea of how others see you can be distorted, and you could act dramatically when an interaction that you expected to go smoothly takes a detour. Instead of losing your cool, take a breath before reevaluating the situation.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic foundered in the North Atlantic after hitting an iceberg; 1,514 people died.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first Black major league player of the modern era, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In 1974, members of the Symbionese Liberation Army held up a bank in San Francisco; a member of the group was SLA kidnap victim Patricia Hearst.

In 1998, Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 72.

In 2013, two bombs exploded at the Boston Marathon finish line, killing two women and an 8-year-old boy and injuring more than 260.

In 2019, fire swept across the top of the Notre Dame Cathedral as the landmark underwent renovations; the blaze collapsed the cathedral's spire, but fire officials said the church's structure had been saved.

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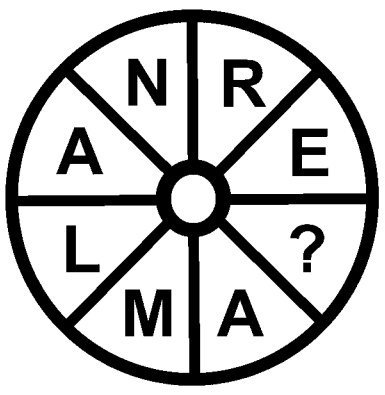
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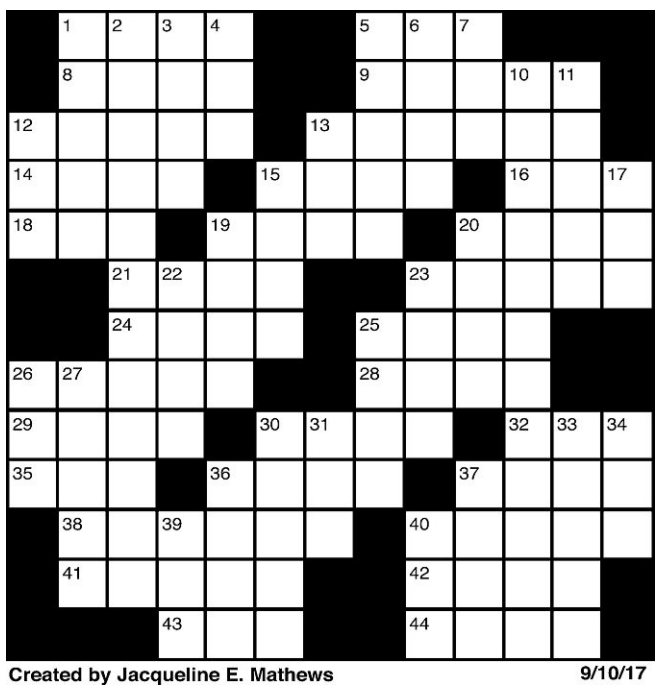
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13 "Fresh __ Boat"
14 Baseball's Mel
15 Red meat
16 Whitney or Wallach
18 Bit of soot
19 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
20 Actor Richard __
21 Goofs
23 Glenn or Eric
24 "Eight Days a __"; song for the Beatles
25 "Take Me Out to the __ Game"; Frank Sinatra movie
26 Desi's daughter
28 "It's __ Mad Mad Mad World"; Spencer Tracy movie
29 Middle East nation
30 Org. for seniors
32 Word from Emeril
35 Lisa, to Bart
36 Joanie Cunningham's portrayer
37 Short note
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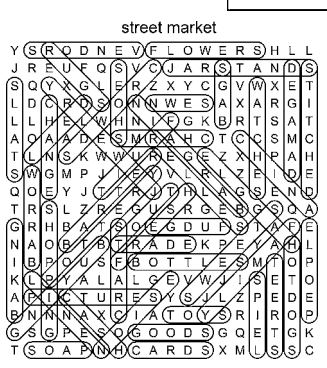
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11 Ward and others
12 Deadly viper
13 "...__ the ramparts we watched..."
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17 Ending for Paul or Max
19 "Born __"; movie about a lioness
20 "Queen of Jazz"
22 Harness strap
23 "Daddy Day __"; film for Cuba Gooding Jr.
25 Mister Ed's home
26 Fleur-de-__
27 Actor Robert
30 Zones
31 "The Fresh Prince of Bel-__"
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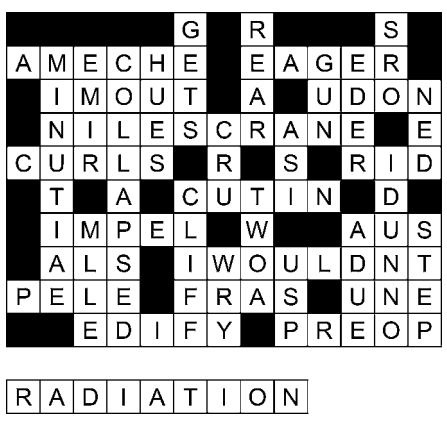


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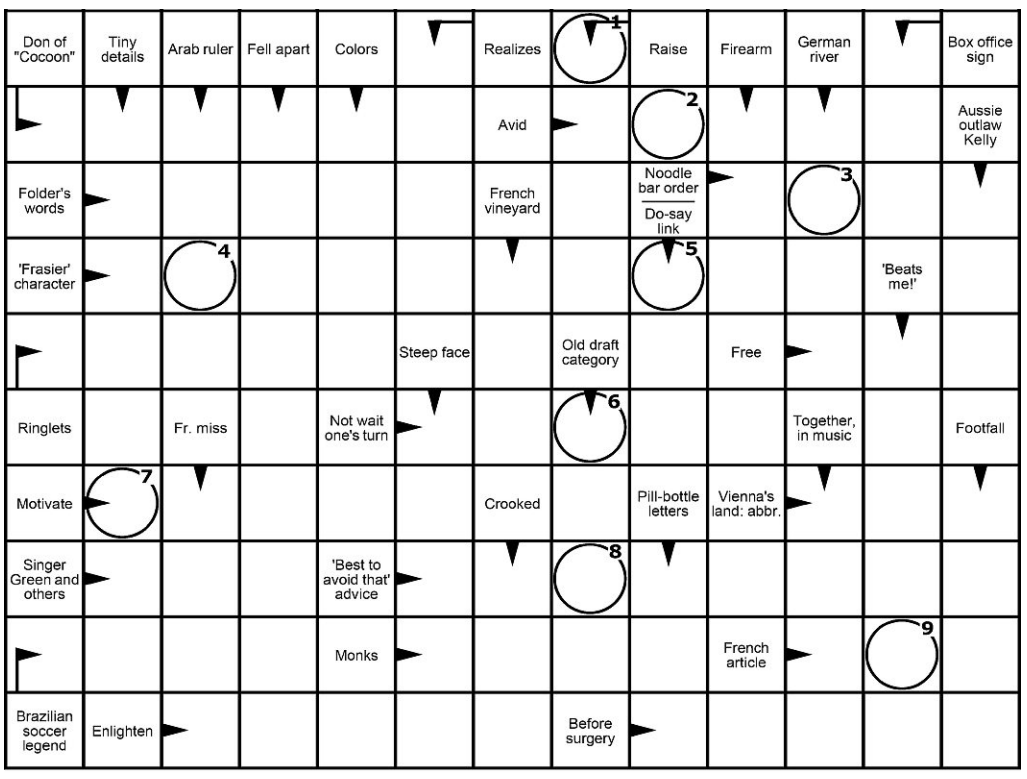
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Jumbles: ARROW LOFTY LONGER PALLET
Answer: He was sick in bed, so his mom wouldn't let him go to practice until he could — PLAY WELL

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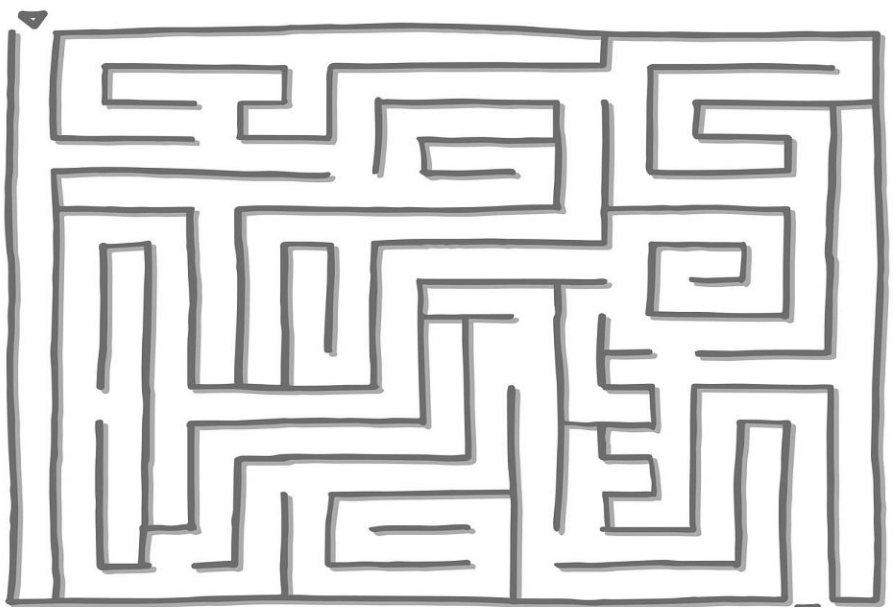


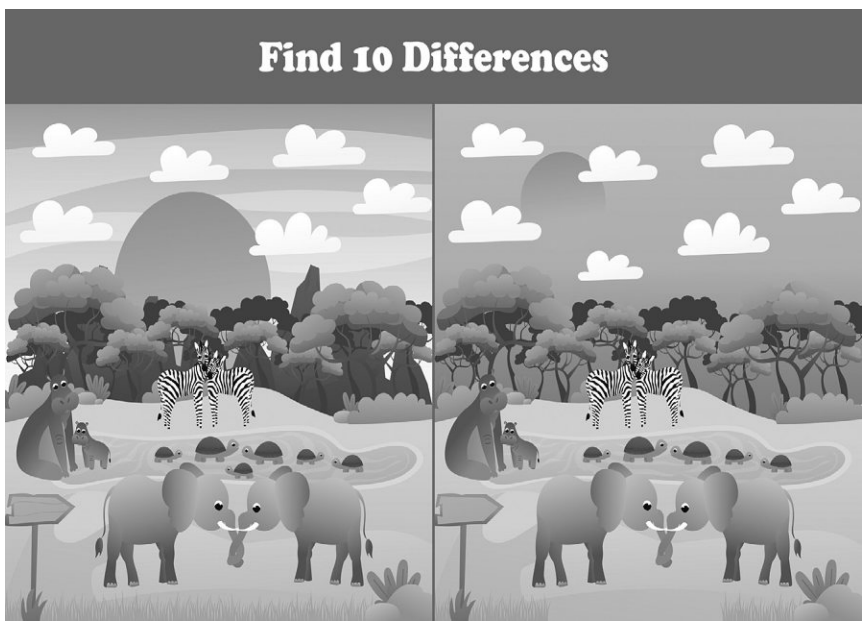
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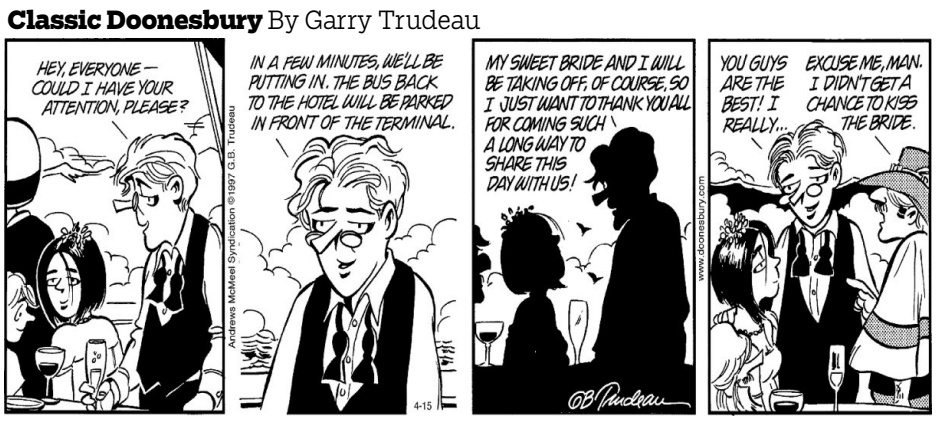




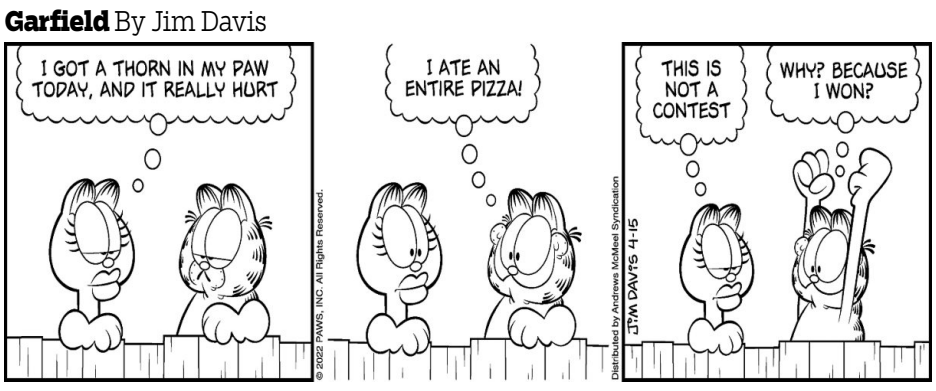
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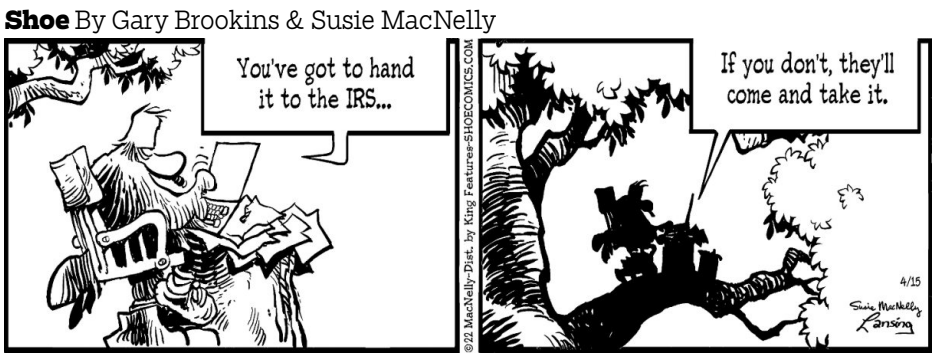
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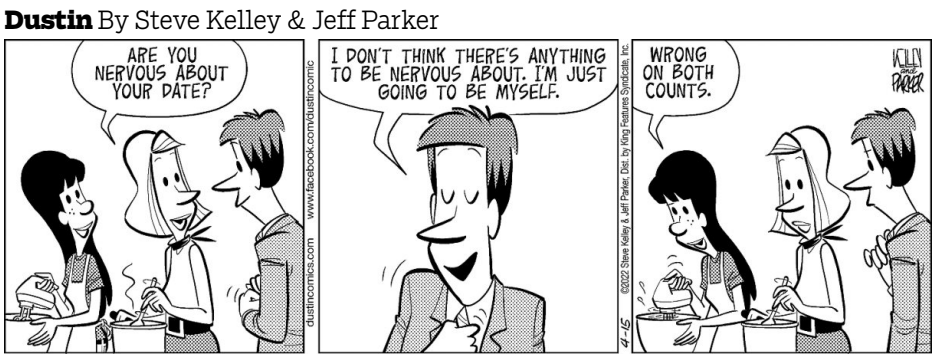
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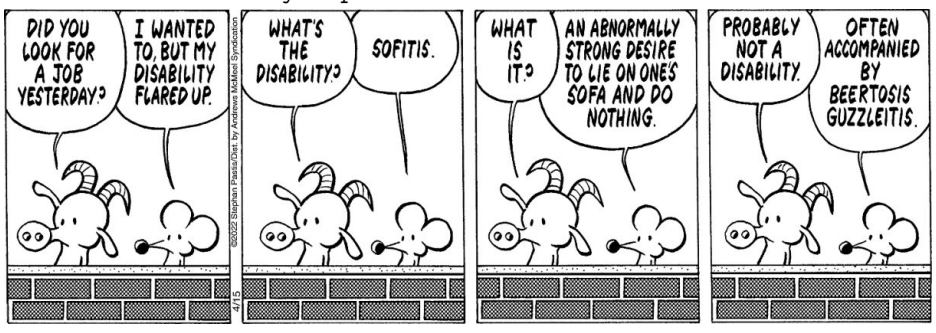
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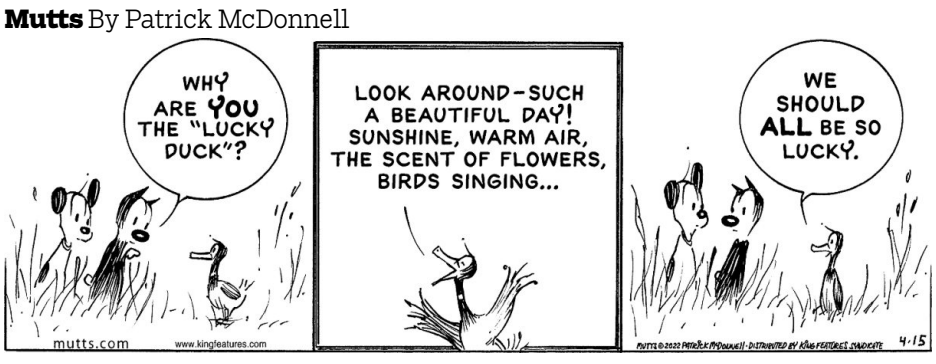
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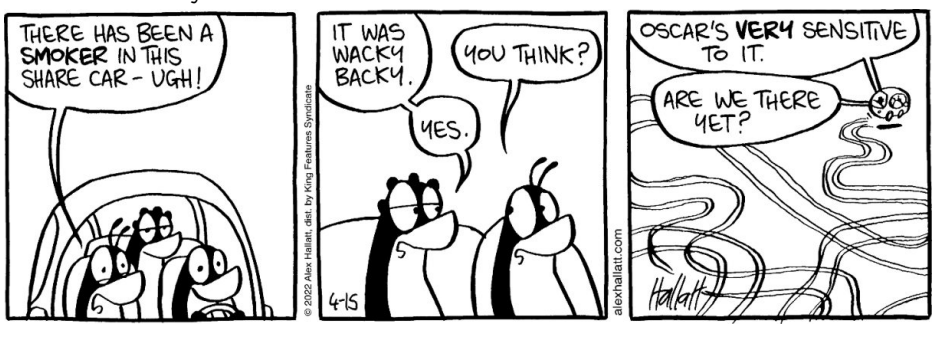
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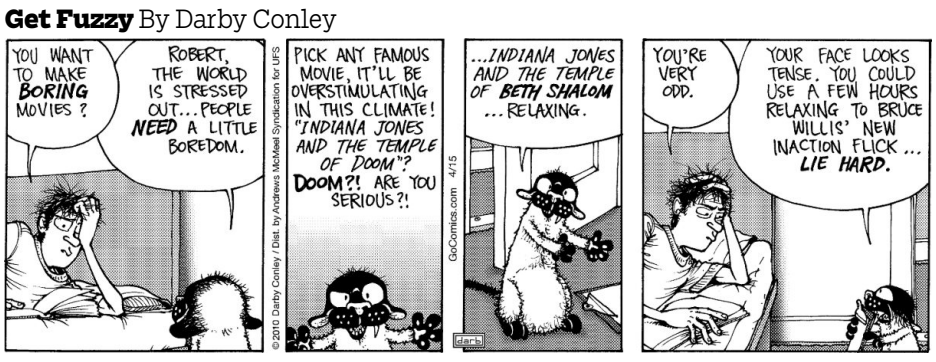
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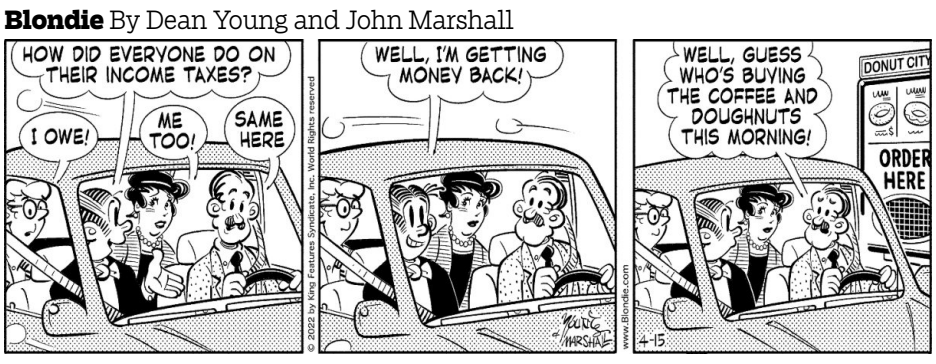
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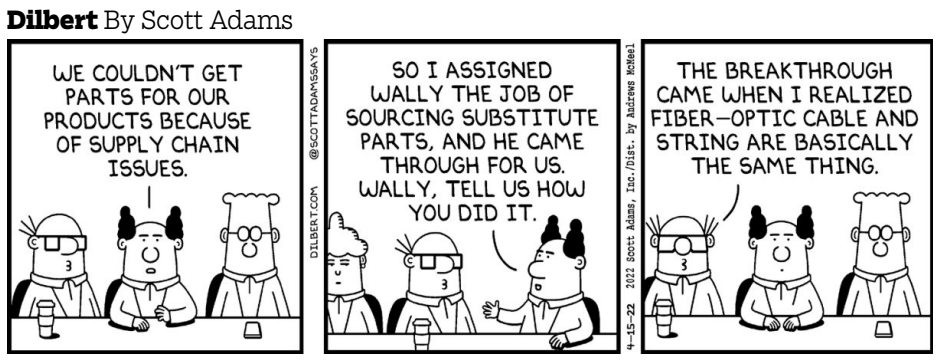
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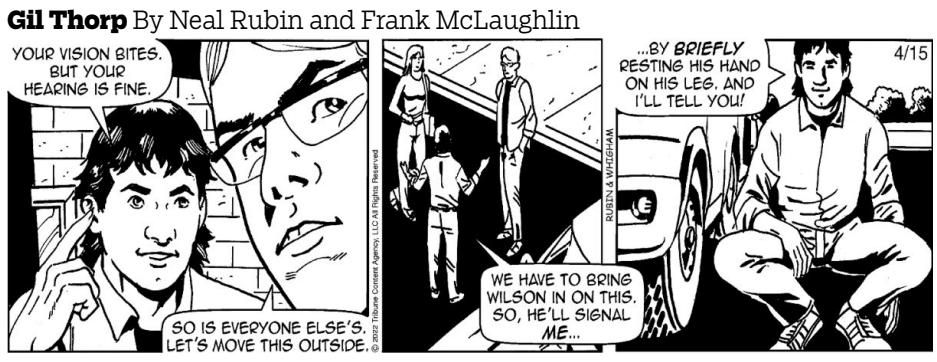
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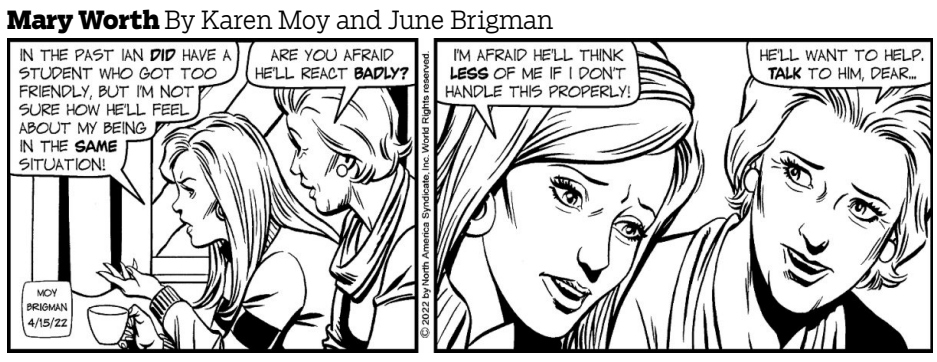
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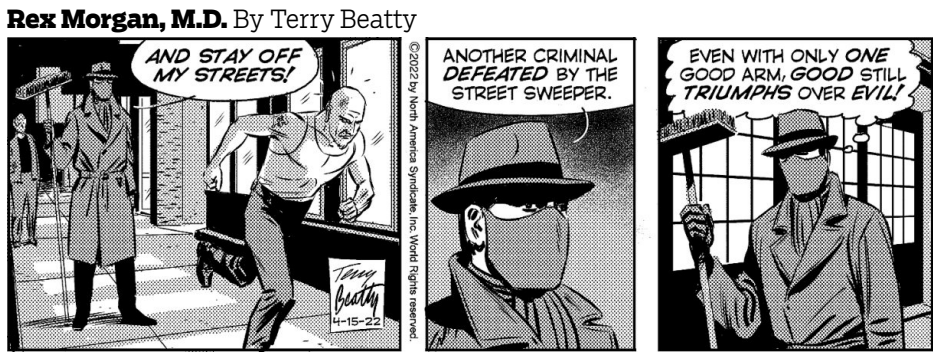
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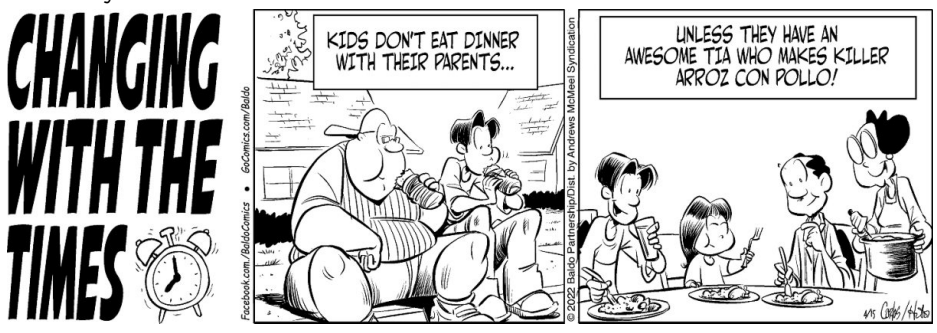
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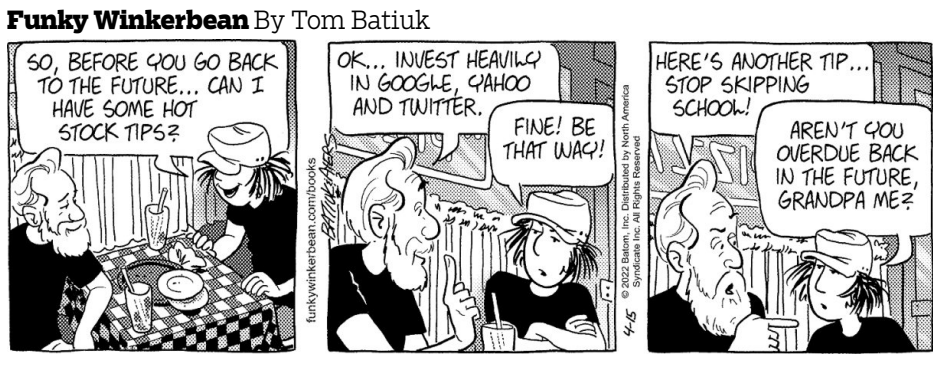
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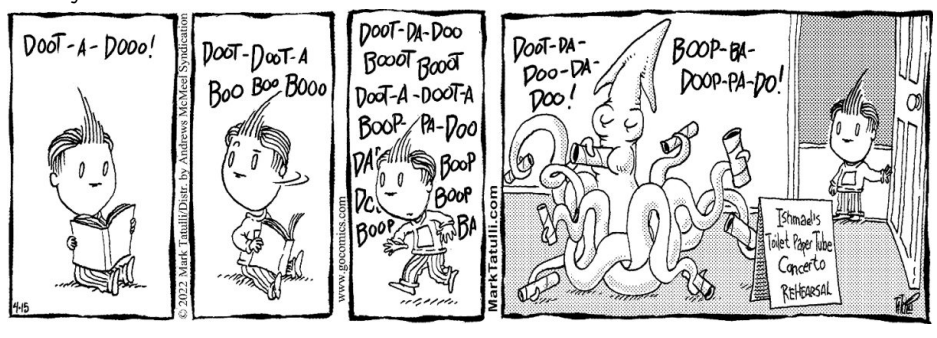
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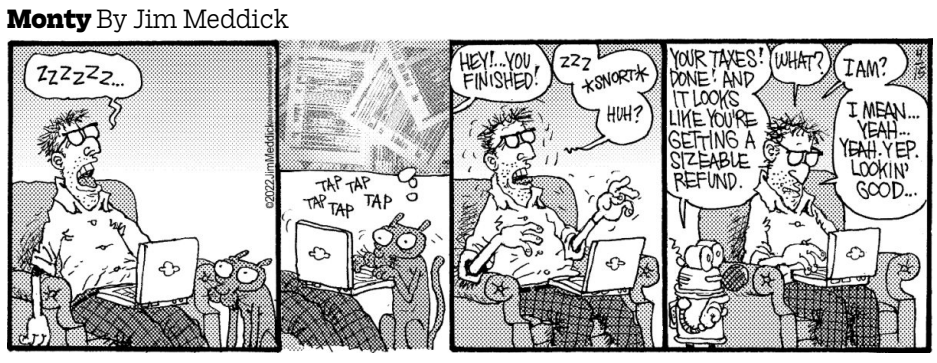
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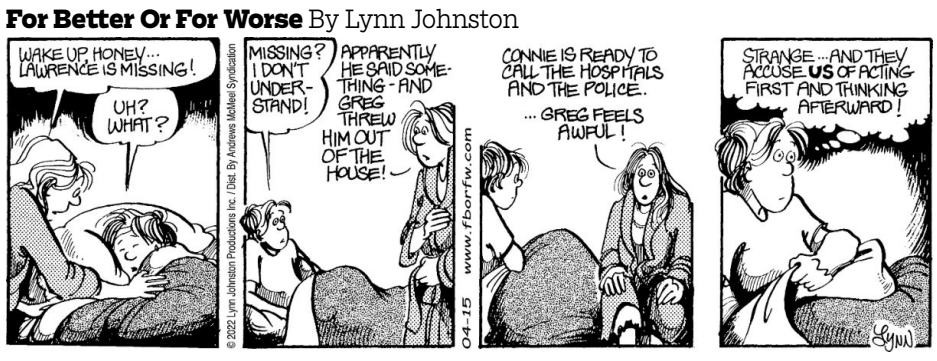
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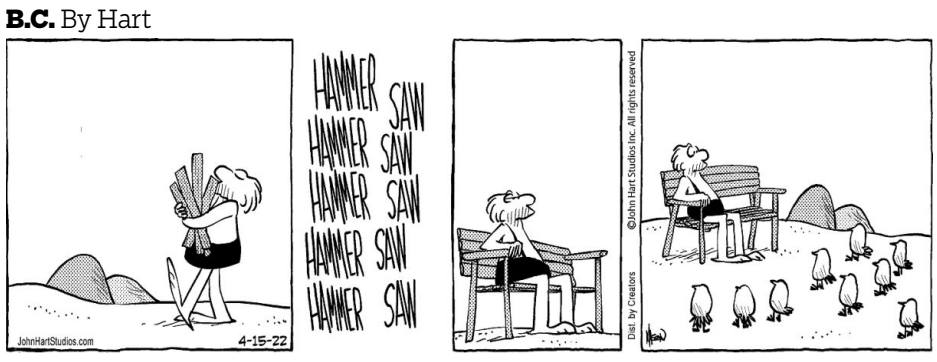
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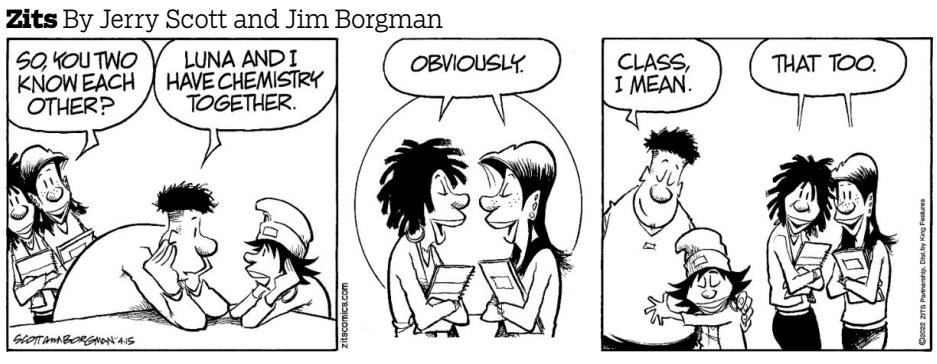
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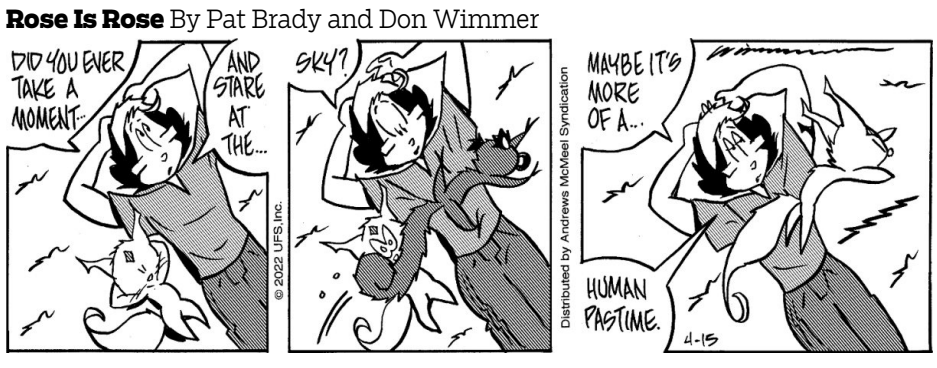
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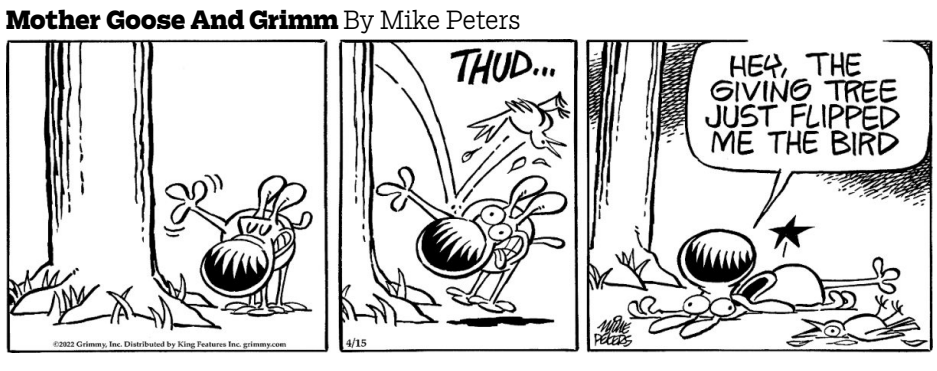
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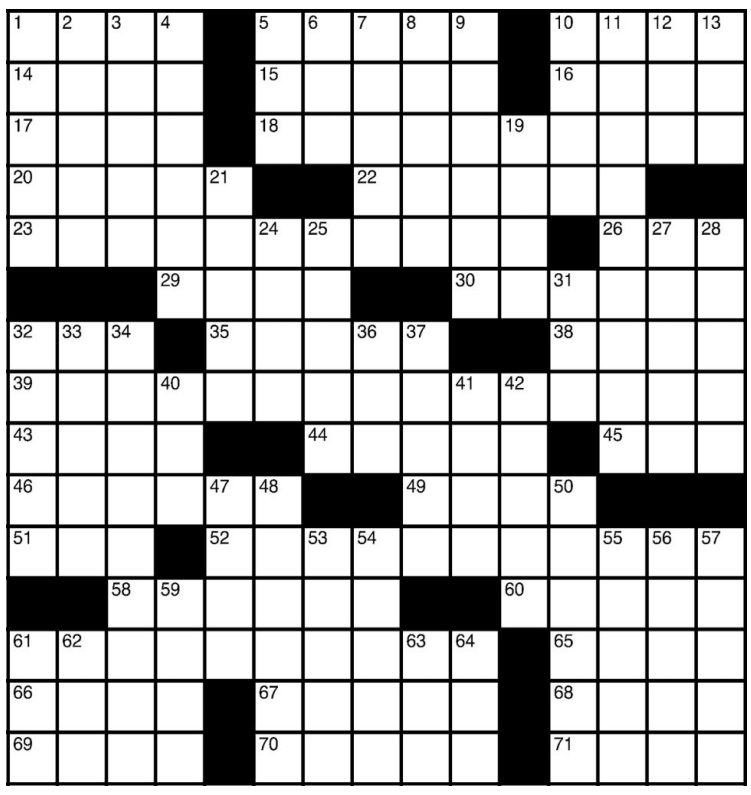
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By Blaire Bas and Bruce Haight — Tribune Content Agency 4/15/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Bidding Quiz

Partner bids One Notrump. What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ Q963 ♥ KQ752 ♦ A6 ♣ 74
2. ♠ KQ5 ♥ AQ6 ♦ K1082 ♣ Q93
3. ♠ 762 ♥ 109 ♦ AK9874 ♣ 84
4. ♠ J9862 ♥ 3 ♦ 10875 ♣ 954

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1. Two clubs. With 11 high-card points facing 15 to 17, there is no question about getting to game. The only problem is whether the proper contract is three notrump, four hearts or four spades.

The best way to resolve this issue is to consult partner by bidding two clubs (Stayman). If partner responds with either major, you raise that suit to game. If partner responds two diamonds, denying a four-card major, you next jump to three hearts, indicating a game-forcing hand with five hearts. Partner then either raises to four hearts if he has three-card support, or retreats to three notrump with a doubleton heart.

2. Four notrump. This is not Blackwood, but simply an invitational raise in notrump asking partner to bid six notrump if he has maximum values (17 points), or to pass with a minimum (15 points). Opener uses his judgment (or can bid five notrump) with 16 points. The magic number for slam with two balanced hands is a combined holding of 33 points.

3. Three notrump. There are no guarantees with this bid, as you might have as little as 22 high-card points in the combined hands instead of the 26 usually needed for game. However, you can't afford to bid only two notrump and risk getting left at the post with a hand that will very likely yield five or six diamond tricks. There is also no point in attempting to show your diamond suit at some level. By far the best action is to take the bull by the horns and leap to game in notrump.

4. Two spades (or two hearts if you play Jacoby Transfers). Although you have a terrible hand, it figures to play better at spades than at notrump. In notrump, partner is likely to go down two or three tricks opposite this hand.

But with spades as trump, your hand should produce anywhere from two to four trump tricks, depending on partner's spade holding. In addition, the spades will provide entries to take whatever finesses may be needed.

Tomorrow: Ingenuity knows no bounds.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GEDREN

YGOEVA



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PRONG MOMMY EXCEED HYMNAL
Answer: When the U.S. Mint asked its employees to work overtime, they — MADE MORE MONEY

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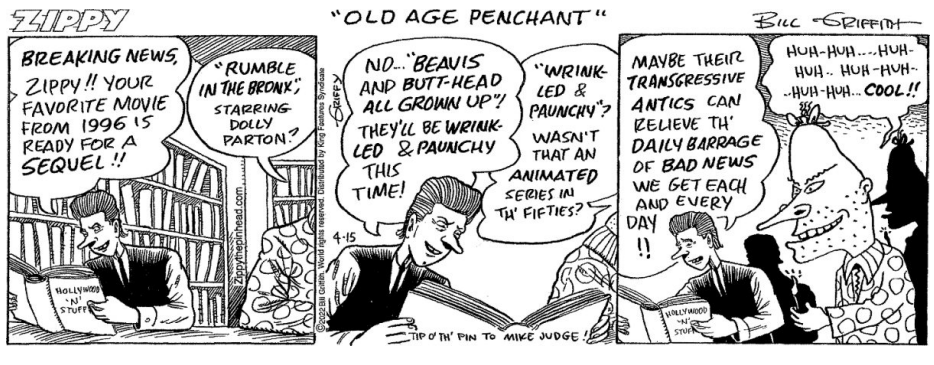
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Riding a sea of transfers

Despite recent roster upheaval, Hurley and budding star Jackson remain confident

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Andre Jackson believes only the strongest survive on this UConn men's basketball team.

His belief will be tested this upcoming season as the Huskies' roster is in the midst of a significant transformation since the season ended with a first-round loss in the NCAA Tournament. Eight players on the season-ending roster are now gone.

Even with an incomplete roster, Jackson believes in his team.

"I think our core is really good right now," he said. "A lot of guys left and I respect their decision of leaving, but I feel like the strongest people survive, in a sense. It's always good to know that everybody that is here wants to be here. Everybody is locked in and committed to bringing UConn back and breaking that barrier."

In March, redshirt freshman Rahsool Diggins and junior Jalen Gaffney put their names in the NCAA transfer portal. Redshirt freshman Corey Floyd Jr. and junior Akok Akok joined them earlier this week.

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UConn guard Andre Jackson dribbles the ball upcourt during the first half of a game against Georgetown on Feb. 27 in Washington. **NICK WASS/AP**

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



UConn's Evina Westbrook runs up the court during the second half of a Final Four game against Stanford on April 1 in Minneapolis. Westbrook was selected by the Seattle Storm in Monday's WNBA draft. **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP**

NORTHWEST PASSAGE, BY WAY OF STORRS

Brimming with the confidence of being a UConn player, Evina Westbrook now ready for what's next in WNBA with Seattle

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Evina Westbrook and her family decided to keep it simple. They gathered at home in Salem, Ore., to watch the WNBA Draft on Monday.

"We didn't know what location we were going to have it at first," she said. "But I'm really glad we decided to have it at my house. It was really intimate, with all my family there, just really lovin' on me; all the support they've shown when I haven't really been able to be there."

About 40 friends and family members erupted when Westbrook's name popped up on the screen, taken with the 21st pick by the Seattle Storm. It was not long after UConn teammates Christyn Williams went to Washington at No. 14, and Olivia Nelson-Ododa to Los Angeles at No. 19.

"I didn't really know what it was going to be like, the actual draft," Westbrook said. "I wasn't really anticipating where I was gong to end up, what team I was going to get drafted to. To see my name pop up with Seattle, it's a little surreal to me, being that Pacific Northwest kid, being from Oregon. So many emotions on draft night, but to have that and have my family be there was pretty incredible."

Monday night ended a hectic period for Westbrook, 23, whose college career ended April 3 with UConn's loss to South Carolina in the national championship game. After a week at school to get treatment on a sprained ankle she packed up and left her apartment behind to pursue her career. With the Storm, her favorite team growing up, she'll be only a 3 ½-hour drive from home. She'll also be surrounded by former

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RUNNING

Olympian may be soccer dad now but his heart is still on road

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — These days, Meb Keflezighi is a soccer dad. He can eat ice cream five days before the Boston Marathon.

"Coffee," he said when asked what flavor. "I have to have it in a cone. A waffle cone."

Keflezighi, the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, New York and Boston Marathon champion who retired from competitive running in 2017, couldn't do that for years when he was training for Boston. Now he spends his time working with his MEB Foundation, which promotes global youth health, education and fitness; doing motivational speaking and driving his three daughters to school and to and from soccer practice.

"Sometimes I'm referred to as 'The Uber,' " he said, laughing.

He runs 35 miles a week at conversational pace, down from 135 at his peak. Thursday afternoon, he got a tour of the West Hartford reservoir with some local runners before he headed over to Fleet Feet, the running store in West Hartford, to run a half mile with kids and do a meet and greet

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YANKEES

Opening homestand has been a real test vs. Sox, Jays

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Yankees' first homestand of 2022 has been a test.

The Red Sox dominated them last year, finally kicking them to the curb in the American League wild-card game in October. The young and talented Blue Jays were nipping at their heels until the last day of the regular season after having played in three different "home," ballparks because of Canada's COVID-19 travel policies.

So far the Yankees have held serve, going into the final game of a four-game series with the Blue Jays having won the series against the Red Sox 2-1 and down 1-2 to the Blue Jays but with a chance to come out even.

Starting the season against two of the teams they will be battling in the East Division for a playoff spot was like "two stags" facing off in the woods, according to Yankees ace Gerrit Cole, and diving in "the deep end" to Yankees manager Aaron Boone.

"Anytime you're going within the division and a team that you know you're going to be fighting for potentially a playoff spot in the division, yeah, they take on double meaning," Boone said. "I would say they're extra important, even in April.

"You always have the perspective of the whole season, but I would say anytime we're with a division rival we treat that as doubly important."

The early test has revealed a lot about the Bombers.

The bullpen is picking up where it left off last season and will be a weapon for the Yankees in these battles.

Most of the starting rotation is building up into a positive, with Luis Severino, Jameson Taillon and Nestor Cortes looking very good in their first starts of the season. Jordan Montgomery pitched pretty well with a sore and stiff knee after being hit by a comebacker, but the lefty is on track to make his next start and not miss time because of the injury.

The one exception is Cole.

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Safety Tip of the Day

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SPORTS

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Nets: NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 1), Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 2), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 3), April 23, time TBD
Bruins: Penguins, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.; at Blues, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Penguins, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Red Wings, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.; Jets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Islanders, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Toronto, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Rochester, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Charlotte, April 22, 7 p.m.
Red Sox: Twins, Friday, 2 p.m.; Twins, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Twins, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yankees: at Orioles, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Mets: Diamondbacks, Friday, 1 p.m.; Diamondbacks, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Diamondbacks, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yard Goats: at New Hampshire (DH), Friday, 5:05 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

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5:30 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Pinty's Truck Race on Dirt, Final Practice. (Live) FS1
6:30 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Food City Dirt Race, Final Practice. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
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2 p.m.: Twins at Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Yankees at Orioles. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
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7 p.m.: Florida at Vanderbilt. (Live) ESPN2
10 p.m.: Stanford at UCLA. (Live) ESPN2
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10 p.m.: Pelicans at Clippers. (Live) TNT
GOLF
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HOCKEY
7 p.m.: Jets at Panthers. (Live) NHL
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RUGBY
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5:28 a.m.: NRL Rugby Melbourne Storm vs Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
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SOFTBALL
11 a.m.: North Carolina Central at Norfolk State. (Live) ESPNU
1 p.m.: Alabama State at Jackson State. (Live) ESPNU
5 p.m.: Syracuse at Louisville. (Live) ACC
7:30 p.m.: Providence at Connecticut. (Live) FS1
8 p.m.: Oregon at Arizona. (Live) ESPNU
10 p.m.: UC San Diego at Cal State Fullerton. (Live) ESPNU
VOLLEYBALL
10 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Volleyball (Live) CBSSN
WINTER SPORTS
12 p.m.: Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Players' Championship: Draw 14. (Live) SPRTNET
4 p.m.: Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Players' Championship: Draw 15. (Live) SPRTNET

METS

Starters leave Philly with league-best ERA

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — Jacob deGrom started the season on the injured list. His absence is certainly glaring, but the Mets rotation is doing just fine without him.

Who would've guessed?

Following Max Scherzer's five innings of one-run ball in Wednesday's series finale against the Phillies, Mets starters ended their seven-game road trip with the best ERA (1.29) in the major leagues.

Chris Bassitt, who dominated the Nationals in his season debut with eight strikeouts over six innings last Saturday, will try to pick up where he left off and continue the rotation's strong start to the season. Bassitt is slated to pitch the home opener against the Diamondbacks on Friday, which will be his first career start at Citi Field across his eight-year career.

"Going to Citi Field for the first time, playing there for the first time, I'm definitely excited," he said.

The Mets (5-2) will be greeted by a packed ballpark for the home opener, featuring what is sure to be a rowdy crowd after the Amazin's successful road trip to kick off the season.

But Bassitt isn't exactly one for all the pageantry associated with a home opener. He just wants to attack hitters, get outs, and win ballgames. So he'll be happiest when his next start is over.

"It'll be cool," Bassitt said. "I'm really looking forward to getting it over with. For this time of year, it's kind of annoying with pitch counts and inning limits, and all the festivities of openers and all that. I just want to play baseball."

Bassitt said he is "pretty good at tuning things out," so he doesn't envision the loud crowd noise disrupting his start. He knows he pitches best when the game is just between him, his catcher, and the opposing hitter. And he knows how to get himself locked in.

"You really have to black out the fans, as hard as that is," Bassitt said. "You can't let them dictate how you're pitching."

One thing Bassitt is still adjusting to is a new league.

After spending seven seasons in the American League pitching for Oakland, Bassitt became familiar with his opposing hitters and exactly what he needed to do to get them out. Now, instead of enjoying down time at the hotel room before games, Bassitt spends those hours watching film of the some of the best hitters in the league.

"Now I'm back to basically being a rookie, back to square one and learning everybody," Bassitt said. "It's been fun because I feel like I matured in the aspect of understanding what I'm truly looking for and everything like that."

Pitching in the National League now represents a challenge, one that will require an exceptional relationship with Mets catchers James McCann and Tomas Nido, who both know the league better than him. Bassitt said McCann and Nido have so far done a great job learning his own arsenal, a tricky six-pitch tool kit.

"For me, the amount of pitches that I have, I think that relationship with the catcher is massive," Bassitt said. "We have to know each other. We basically have to be thinking on the same page nonstop. That's where that homework is huge. It's like studying for a test and making sure I have the right answer. It's been fun."



Mets pitcher Chris Bassitt throws during the first inning against the Nationals on Saturday in Washington. **ALEX BRANDON/AP**

Bassitt will again try to have all the answers on Friday against a similar opponent to the Nationals, in that the Diamondbacks lineup will not pose as tough a threat. Bassitt expects that league-best rotation ERA to only decrease further.

The Mets host the Diamondbacks for three games, followed by a four-game set against the Giants at Citi Field.

"It's going to be fun," manager Buck Showalter said. "And a very deserving welcome to a team that played real well on the road trip."



Red Sox second baseman Trevor Story runs to first in the eighth inning against the Yankees on April 8 in New York. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

RED SOX NOTES

After sluggish start, offense starts to kick in

By Julian McWilliams
Boston Globe

BOSTON — The Red Sox finished their season-opening road trip 3-3. They began slowly against the Yankees with a series loss but seem to have turned the corner, starting with the second game of the set against the Tigers, mainly because they began hitting.

Observations from the first six games and what fans should expect moving forward:

Story getting his feet under him: Trevor Story told manager Alex Cora that he was good to go before Wednesday's 9-7 win in Detroit. Story had been dealing with a stomach bug that kept him out for the final game against the Yankees and the first two games against the Tigers.

Story went 2 for 5 with a double on Wednesday. The second baseman couldn't help but smile when asked what his emotions were like knowing he would play his first game at Fenway on Friday as a member of the Sox.

"I can't wait," he said. "That's what me and my wife [Mallie] have been talking about, really all my family. We can't wait to get there and play in front of Red Sox Nation and see Fenway in person."

Story will get his first taste of what it feels like to play in a passionate market. And Fenway might be the perfect park for Story, particularly the 310-foot mark in left field.

Story is a pull hitter and has the most success when employing that method. He's a career .408 hitter on balls to the pull side, including 88 homers. Indeed, stats at Coors Field, Story's home field for the first six years of his career, can be inflated, but that can also be the case at Fenway for a righthanded hitter. Now, some of Story's mishit balls will be doubles off the Green Monster.

Story, who missed a lot of the spring after signing late, and then the birth of his first child, said he is close to feeling like himself. The Sox will take care of him in the beginning, finding him occasional offdays as he continues to find his stride. When he does, though, you can expect him to round out this lineup and possibly become the force he was for the Rockies.

Taylor is needed: Josh Taylor would have been a good option for the Red Sox in the seventh or eighth inning Wednesday when the Tigers scored five runs, shrinking their deficit to two. Taylor was solid last season with runners in scoring position, striking out 11.1 per nine innings. Taylor also has been impressive in high-leverage situations in his career, holding opponents to a .122 average.

Taylor threw a live batting practice session in Fort Myers, Fla., on Thursday. He will throw another this weekend before the Sox make a decision on the next step in his recovery from a back injury.

Pivetta gets the start: Nick Pivetta will start Friday afternoon's home opener against the Twins. He can be dominant, then one or two mistakes can cost him.

That was the case in his first outing against the Yankees, when he cruised through three innings only to get ambushed by two-run homers by Anthony Rizzo in the fourth and Giancarlo Stanton in the sixth. Granted, the Sox might have stuck with Pivetta for too long in that one because of their questionable bullpen.

It won't get any easier against the Twins' offense. Pivetta made one start against Minnesota last year, lasting just four innings. He was pounded for four runs, including two homers.

Opening day details: The Red Sox will wear their home white uniforms on Friday. Players on all major league teams will wear No. 42 to commemorate Jackie Robinson Day. ... Fans attending the home opener are encouraged to be in their seats by 1:30 p.m. for pregame ceremonies. ... Prior to the game, both teams will be introduced, while the American flag will be draped over the Green Monster by members of Hanscom Air Force Base and the Vermont National Guard. ... The national anthem will be performed by the Premiere Choir of Boston Children's Chorus. There will be a flyover by an MH-60T, a medium-range search and rescue helicopter from the Coast Guard air station on Cape Cod. ... Springfield native Michelle Brooks Thompson will perform "God Bless America" in the middle of the seventh inning. ... The Red Sox will wear their City Connect uniforms on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

YANKEES NOTES

Montgomery not expected to miss next start after negative MRI

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — "Feeling good, getting better every day," Montgomery said before Thursday night's series finale against the Blue Jays at the Stadium. "Pitching I feel nothing. So it's a blessing."

Montgomery was hit in the back/side of his left knee in Sunday night's loss to the Red Sox.

"It's like a pitcher's nightmare, but honestly, I'd rather be in my leg than above the hips," Montgomery said with a laugh.

"I got hit last year against the Astros, I got hit against the Pirates, and they should just call me a pinata," he continued. "I've had worse (like in) Houston last year."

Still, the knee was swollen and that caused some stiffness, so the Yankees sent him for an MRI and CT scan.

"They just wanted to kind of check on everything and stuff like that. I think Charlie Morton got hit (last year in the playoffs) and then ended up breaking his leg. Yeah, kind of just make sure that didn't happen," Montgomery said.

Montgomery got hit in the first inning, but managed to stay in the game and complete 3.1 innings. He allowed three earned runs on four hits. He walked one and struck out four.

Welcome to The Show: JP Sears' girlfriend and parents had been waiting for nearly a week. The young lefty had them in New York since Opening Day, hoping they would be able to share in the moment when he made his major league debut.

Wednesday night, Sears made it worth the wait.

He went out and pitched a perfect inning, striking out Blue Jays center fielder George Springer in his big league debut.

"It was the last night my girlfriend was able to be here before she had to go to work today so that was great," Sears said. "And then obviously it's just better to have a debut in Yankee Stadium."

Sears was invited to big league spring training after a pretty impressive season between Double-A and Triple-A last season. Sears pitched to a 3.46 ERA in 25 games, including 18 starts. In 104 innings pitched, Sears struck out 136 and walked just 29.

Getting close: Isiah Kiner-Falefa grew up dreaming about being a Yankees, but so far the shortstop has had a nightmare of a start to his career with the Bombers. Kiner-Falefa went 1-for-17 in the first six games.

Boone said that Kiner-Falefa is not far away from turning it around.

"I feel like it's close. Some of his best contact has been that hard ground ball at someone. So just by getting those elevated a little bit, turning those into line drives and he should be able to take off," Boone said of the shortstop that the Yankees got from the Twins in spring training. "He'll settle in here and be the quality of contact guy that we know and like a few of these guys. I do feel like he's on the verge."

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He has been fine but hasn't looked like the dominant ace the Yankees need to make a long playoff run yet. He's given up home runs in both of his first two starts, which brings back memories not just of his meltdown in the wild-card game but his struggles down the stretch last season.

Cole has given up a home run in six of his last seven games dating to 2021.

There have been a lot of high-leverage situations for that bullpen because the offense, ranked 20th in the majors heading into Thursday night's game, has so far proved to be inconsistent again this year.

The Yankees' struggles in 2021 — they finished seventh in the AL in OPS (.729), 10th in runs scored (711) and fourth in strikeouts (1482) — forced a shake-up. They let longtime hitting coach Marcus Thames go and promoted their minor-league hitting coordinator.

Heading into their seventh game of the season, the Yankees were just fifth in OPS (.736) and fourth in slugging (.415) and on-base percentage (.321) in the AL.

The defense is not as crisp as it should be despite a new routine of on-field defensive work before games this season. Isiah Kiner-Falefa, brought in to play shortstop after the experiment to play Gleyber Torres there failed, has already had some miscues and an error.

Torres, now at second base, made a costly defensive miscue Wednesday night that wasn't marked down as an error but kept the seventh inning alive and allowed the Blue Jays to rally.

So far the Yankees get an incomplete on their first test of the season, but there will be a challenge all year in the division. The next test won't be the monumental challenge of trying to keep Vladimir Guerrero Jr. in the ballpark or scoring on the nasty Alek Manoah.

The Yankees head to Baltimore after Thursday night's game. While the Orioles seem to be in an eternal rebuild, games against the Birds can also define a season.

The Rays went 18-1 against the AL East cellar dwellers last year en route to winning the division and cruising into the playoffs. (They are 3-0 against the Orioles this season). The Yankees went just 11-8 against the Orioles last season and had to sweat it down the stretch.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Toronto	4	2	.667	—	—	4-2	W-1	2-1	2-1
Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	½	—	4-3	L-2	4-3	0-0
Boston	3	3	.500	1	½	3-3	W-2	0-0	3-3
New York	3	3	.500	1	½	3-3	L-1	3-3	0-0
Baltimore	1	5	.167	3	2½	1-5	L-2	1-2	0-3
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Chicago	4	2	.667	—	—	4-2	L-1	2-1	2-1
Cleveland	4	2	.667	—	—	4-2	W-4	0-0	4-2
Kansas City	2	3	.400	1½	1	2-3	L-3	2-2	0-1
Detroit	2	4	.333	2	1½	2-4	L-2	2-4	0-0
Minnesota	2	4	.333	2	1½	2-4	L-2	2-4	0-0
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Houston	4	2	.667	—	—	4-2	L-1	0-0	4-2
Oakland	4	3	.571	½	—	4-3	W-2	0-0	4-3
Los Angeles	3	3	.500	1	½	3-3	W-2	3-3	0-0
Seattle	3	4	.429	1½	1	3-4	W-1	0-0	3-4
Texas	1	4	.200	2½	2	1-4	L-2	0-2	1-2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	5	2	.714	—	—	5-2	W-2	0-0	5-2
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	1½	½	3-3	L-2	3-3	0-0
Atlanta	3	4	.429	2	1	3-4	L-1	3-4	0-0
Washington	3	4	.429	2	1	3-4	W-1	1-3	2-1
Miami	1	4	.200	3	2	1-4	L-3	0-0	1-4
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Chicago	3	2	.600	—	—	3-2	L-1	2-1	1-1
St. Louis	3	2	.600	—	—	3-2	L-1	3-1	0-1
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	—	—	4-3	W-3	1-0	3-3
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	1	1	2-3	W-1	1-1	1-2
Cincinnati	2	4	.333	1 1½	1½	2-4	L-2	0-2	2-2
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Colorado	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	W-4	2-1	2-0
San Francisco	4	2	.667	½	—	4-2	W-2	4-2	0-0
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	1	—	3-2	W-2	0-0	3-2
San Diego	4	3	.571	1	—	4-3	L-2	0-0	4-3
Arizona	2	4	.333	2½	1½	2-4	W-1	2-4	0-0

BOX SCORES

OAKLAND 6, TAMPA BAY 3

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kemp 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.280
Brown rf	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Pinder lf	5	1	1	1	1	.214
Murphy dh	4	0	2	1	1	.214
Neuse 1b-2b	4	1	1	0	1	.313
McKinney rf-1b	3	0	0	0	2	.118
Andrus ss	4	1	2	0	1	.308
Smith 3b	3	2	1	0	0	.053
Allen c	4	0	0	0	3	.167
Pache cf	4	1	2	1	1	.304
TOTALS	**35**	**6**	**9**	**3**	**12**	
Tampa Bay	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Diaz 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.211
Franco ss	4	0	0	0	1	.379
Ramirez dh	4	1	1	0	1	.286
Arozarena lf	4	1	1	0	0	.192
B.Lowe 2b	4	1	2	2	0	.296
Margot rf	4	0	1	1	1	.278
Zunino c	3	0	0	0	1	.071
Kiermaier cf	3	0	1	0	0	.133
Walls 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.214
TOTALS	**33**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**4**	

Oakland	**0**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**6**	**9**	**1**
Tampa Bay	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**1**

E: McKinney (1), Arozarena (1).
LOB: Oakland 5, Tampa Bay 3.
2B: Murphy 2(3), Arozarena (2), Ramirez (2). **HR:** B.Lowe (3), off Irvin.
RBIs: Pache (2), Murphy (5), Pinder (5), Margot (3), B.Lowe 2(6).
Runners left in scoring position: Oakland 5(Neuse, Andrus, Murphy 2, Allen); Tampa Bay 2(Kiermaier, Margot). **RISP:** Oakland 2for 11; Tampa Bay 3for 7. **Runners moved up:** Neuse, Pinder, Smith, Zunino, Arozarena.
GIDP: Smith. **DP:** Oakland 1(McKinney, Andrus, McKinney); Tampa Bay 1 (Franco, B.Lowe, Diaz).

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Irvin, W, 1-1	6⅓	5	3	3	0	2	5.40
Acevedo, H, 2	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	2.08
Puk, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.25
Jimenez, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
TAMPA BAY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Fleming, L, 1-1	3⅓	7	5	3	1	6	4.05
Springs	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Sanders	3	2	1	1	1	2	3.00
Beeks	2	0	0	0	0	3	0.00

Pitches-Strikes: Irvin 71-50; Acevedo 8-6; Puk 7-6; Jiménez 20-15; Fleming 67-45; Springs 15-10; Sanders 34-25; Beeks 18-16.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Irvin 8-5; Acevedo 0-0; Puk 2-1; Jiménez 2-2; Fleming 8-1; Springs 1-0; Sanders 4-1; Beeks 2-1.
Batters Faced: Irvin 23; Acevedo 2; Puk 4; Jiménez 4; Fleming 18; Springs 3; Sanders 11; Beeks 6.
Inherited runners-scored: Springs 2-1.
Umpires: Home, Adam Hamari; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Hunter Wendelstedt; Third, Chad Whitson.
T: 2:33. **A:** 8,287(25,000).

LATE WEDNESDAY: OAKLAND 4, TAMPA BAY 2

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pinder lf	4	0	0	0	3	.217
Lowrie 1b	3	1	0	0	1	.250
McKinney 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Piscotty rf	3	1	0	0	2	.286
Murphy c	3	1	2	3	0	.167
Brown dh	4	0	0	0	4	.238
Andrus ss	3	1	1	0	1	.273
Neuse 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.333
Smith 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.000
Pache cf	4	0	1	1	2	.263
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**14**	
Tampa Bay	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
B.Lowe 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.261
Franco ss	5	0	0	0	0	.440
Arozarena dh	4	0	0	0	2	.182
Choi 1b	3	1	1	1	1	.563
Diaz 3b	4	1	3	0	0	.267
1-Walls pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	.273
J.Lowe lf-rf	4	0	1	0	2	.143
Margot rf-cf	4	0	0	0	2	.286
Kiermaier cf	2	0	0	0	0	.083
a-Ramirez ph-lf	2	0	0	0	1	.300
Mejia c	4	0	2	1	0	.417
TOTALS	**36**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**8**	

Oakland	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**—**	**4**	**5**	**1**
Tampa Bay	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**—**	**2**	**8**	**0**

a-struck out for Kiermaier in the 7th. 1-ran for Diaz in the 8th.
E: Neuse (1). **LOB:** Oakland 5, Tampa Bay 9. **2B:** Andrus (4).
HR: Murphy (1), off McClanahan; Choi (2), off Montas.
RBIs: Murphy 3(4), Pache (1), Choi (6), Mejia (5).
Runners left in scoring position: Oakland 2(Smith, Pache); Tampa Bay 6 (Choi, Mejia 2, B.Lowe, J.Lowe, Franco). **RISP:** Oakland 2for 7; Tampa Bay 1for 11. **Runners moved up:** Neuse, Smith, Franco, Kiermaier.

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montas, W, 1-1	6⅓	5	2	1	0	6	4.76
Snead, H, 2	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	5.40
Jackson, H, 1	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.00
Trivino, S, 1-2	1	1	0	0	1	0	6.75
TAMPA BAY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
McClanahan, L, 0-1	4⅔	3	3	3	3	8	3.00
Wisler	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.45
Kittredge	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.00
Knight	2⅓	3	1	1	1	3	3.86
Feyereisen	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

Pitches-Strikes: Montas 89-61; Snead 10-6; Jackson 17-9; Trivino 18-10; McClanahan 85-55; Wisler 6-3; Kittredge 10-9; Knight 42-26; Feyereisen 10-7.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Montas 8-2; Snead 1-1; Jackson 2-1; Trivino 2-0, McClanahan 5-2; Wisler 0-1; Kittredge 1-0; Knight 5-0; Feyereisen 1-0.
Inherited runners-scored: Snead 2-1, Feyereisen 1-0.
Umpires: Home, Chad Whitson; First, Adam Hamari; Second, Jerry Layne; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt.
T: 3:02. **A:** 8,954(25,000).

SEATTLE 5, CHI. WHITE SOX 1

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Frazier 2b	5	0	0	0	1	.133
France 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.231
Winker lf	4	1	0	0	2	.136
Haniger dh	4	1	1	2	0	.138
Crawford ss	5	0	2	0	0	.417
Suarez 3b	3	1	0	0	3	.182
Kelenic rf	4	1	2	2	0	.158
Rodriguez cf	3	0	1	0	2	.095
Raleigh c	3	1	1	1	0	.250
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**8**	
Chi White Sox	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Anderson ss	4	0	2	0	1	.471
Robert cf	4	0	0	0	1	.292
Abreu dh	4	0	0	0	3	.227
Sheets 1b	4	0	1	0	3	.100
Vaughn lf	4	0	0	0	1	.353
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.000
McGuire c	2	0	0	0	0	.222
Engel rf	3	1	0	0	0	.154
Burger 3b	3	0	1	1	0	.308
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**9**	

Seattle	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**—**	**5**	**7**	**1**
Chi. White Sox	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**1**	**4**	**2**

E: Raleigh (2), Garcia 2(3).
LOB: Seattle 10, Chicago 5.
2B: Crawford (3).
HR: Kelenic (1), off Lambert; Raleigh (1), off Sousa; Haniger (3), off Ruiz.
RBIs: Kelenic 2(2), Raleigh (1), Haniger 2(7), Burger (2).
SB: Rodriguez (2), Crawford (1), Kelenic (2).
Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 8(Frazier 3, Raleigh, Kelenic, Suarez 2); Chicago 2(McGuire, Robert).
RISP: Seattle 1for 10; Chicago 1for 4.
Runners moved up: Kelenic, Crawford, Vaughn.

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert, W, 1-0	5	4	1	0	0	4	0.90
Munoz, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	3	6.00
Steckenrider, H, 1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Castillo	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Sewald	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
WHITE SOX	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Lambert, L, 0-1	3	2	2	2	1	1	6.00
Banks	2	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Foster	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Sousa	⅔	1	2	2	1	0	4.91
Ruiz	⅔	3	1	1	1	2	3.86
Severino	1⅓	0	0	0	1	3	0.00

Pitches-Strikes: Gilbert 85-59; Muñoz 14-10; Steckenrider 13-8; Castillo 6-5; Sewald 12-9; Lambert 49-27; Banks 34-23; Foster 23-14; Sousa 17-7; Ruiz 24-14; Severino 25-14.
Batters Faced: Gilbert 20; Muñoz 3; Steckenrider 4; Castillo 3; Sewald 3; Lambert 13; Banks 8; Foster 5; Sousa 4; Ruiz 6; Severino 6
Inherited runners-scored: Ruiz 1-1, Severino 3-0. **HBP:** Severino (France).
Umpires: Home, Mark Ripperger; First, Tom Hallion; Second, Phil Cuzzi; Third, Cory Blaser. T: 3:01. **A:** 13,391(40,615).

LATE WEDNESDAY: MILWAUKEE 4, BALTIMORE 2

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	4	0	0	0	0	.250
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	0	.261
Yelich lf	4	0	0	0	1	.263
Renfroe rf	4	1	1	0	1	.143
Hiura 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.286
Wong 2b	1	1	1	1	0	.190
Taylor cf	4	0	0	0	1	.083
Tellez 1b	4	1	2	2	0	.313
Brosseau 3b	2	0	1	1	0	.200
a-Peterson3b	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Caratini c	3	0	1	0	1	.300
TOTALS	**33**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**5**	
Baltimore	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	1	.200
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	1	1	1	.292
Santander rf	2	0	1	0	0	.400
Mancini dh	3	0	0	1	1	.217
Urias 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.217
Odor 2b	2	0	1	0	1	.200
b-Gutierrez ph	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Hays lf	4	0	0	0	2	.095
Mateo ss	4	1	1	0	2	.222
Bemboom c	2	0	1	0	1	.250
1-McKenna pr	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Chirinos c	1	0	0	0	0	.083
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**10**	

Milwaukee	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**—**	**4**	**7**	**0**
Baltimore	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**—**	**2**	**5**	**0**

a-struck out for Brosseau in the 8th. b-walked for Odor in the 9th. 1-ran for Bemboom in the 8th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 6, Baltimore 7. **2B:** Tellez 2(2), Odor (1). **3B:** Wong (1).
RBIs: Tellez 2(4), Brosseau (2), Wong (1), Mountcastle (3), Mancini (1).
SF: Mancini.
Runners left in scoring position: Milwaukee 2(Adames, McCutchen 2); Baltimore 3(Mountcastle, Bemboom, Urias). **RISP:** Milwaukee 2for 5; Baltimore 1for 8. L**IDP:** Hays.
GIDP: Adames. **DP:** Milwaukee 1 (Renfroe, Tellez, Renfroe); Baltimore 1 (Odor, Mateo, Mountcastle).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burnes	7	3	0	0	1	8	2.25
Williams, H, 3	⅓	2	2	2	1	1	7.71
Boxberger, W, 1-0	2⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Hader, S, 3-3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
BALTIMORE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Means	4	2	2	2	1	2	3.38
Krehbiel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Tate	2	1	0	0	0	1	2.45
Bautista	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.00
Lopez, L, 0-1	⅔	3	2	2	1	1	7.71
Fry	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	10.13

Pitches-Strikes: Burnes 97-59; Williams 28-17; Boxberger 8-7; Hader 12-6; Means 51-32; Krehbiel 10-6; Tate 17-12; Bautista 16-10; López 29-18; Fry 10-4.
Inherited runners-scored: Boxberger 3-1, Fry 2-0.
HBP: Burnes (Odor), Williams (Santander). **WP:** Burnes.
Umpires: Home, Shane Livensparger; First, Brian O'Nora; Second, Chad Fairchild; Third, Laz Diaz.
T: 3:04. **A:** 12,704(45,971).

MILWAUKEE 5, ST. LOUIS 1

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Carlson rf	4	0	0	0	0	.278
Goldschmidt 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.188
O'Neill lf	4	0	0	0	0	.176
Arenado 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.400
Pujols dh	3	0	1	0	0	.333
DeJong ss	4	0	0	0	2	.176
Bader cf	3	0	1	0	1	.222
Molina c	3	0	1	0	0	.133
Edman 2b	2	1	1	1	1	.400
TOTALS	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**5**	
Milwaukee	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Wong 2b	4	1	2	1	0	.240
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	2	.222
Yelich lf	4	1	1	0	1	.261
McCutchen dh	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Tellez 1b	3	1	1	0	1	.316
Renfroe rf	4	0	1	1	3	.160
Narvaez c	4	1	2	2	1	.250
Cain cf	4	0	0	0	2	.188
Peterson 3b	2	1	1	0	0	.083
TOTALS	**33**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**11**	

St. Louis	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Milwaukee	**1**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**—**	**5**	**9**	**2**

E: Wong (1), Narvaez (2).
LOB: St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 7.
2B: Yelich (3), Narvaez (1).
3B: Wong (2).
HR: Edman (2), off Gustave; Narvaez (1), off Wainwright.
RBIs: Edman (2), McCutchen (4), Narvaez 2(2), Renfroe (2), Wong (2).
SB: Peterson (2), Wong (1).
CS: Pujols (1). **S:** Edman.
Runners left in scoring position: St. Louis 2(O'Neill 2); Milwaukee 3(Cain 2, Yelich).
RISP: St. Louis 0for 2; Milwaukee 4 for 10.

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wainwright, L, 1-1	4⅓	8	4	4	2	7	3.48
VerHagen	2⅔	1	1	1	1	3	3.38
Brooks	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
MILWAUKEE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Woodruff, W, 1-1	5	3	0	0	1	2	7.27
Gott	2	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Gustave	2	1	1	1	0	1	7.36

Pitches-Strikes: Wainwright 86-52; VerHagen 46-31; Brooks 8-6; Woodruff 89-65; Gott 23-16; Gustave 31-22.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Wainwright 4-6; VerHagen 3-3; Brooks 1-0; Woodruff 7-3; Gott 2-1; Gustave 2-3.
Batters Faced: Wainwright 23; VerHagen 10; Brooks 3; Woodruff 19; Gott 7; Gustave 7.
Inherited runners-scored: VerHagen 1-0.
Umpires: Home, Lance Barrett; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Bill Welke; Third, Alfonso Marquez.
T: 3:04. **A:** 42,794(41,900).

LATE WEDNESDAY: TORONTO 6, N.Y. YANKEES 4

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer cf-rf	5	0	1	1	2	.370
Bichette ss	5	1	1	0	2	.222
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	3	4	4	0	.391
Hernandez rf	3	0	0	0	0	.316
Zimmer cf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Gurriel Jr. dh	3	1	1	0	0	.174
Kirk c	2	0	0	0	1	.118
1-Biggio pr	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Heineman c	0	0	0	0	0	.000
M.Chapman 3b	4	0	1	1	1	.190
Tapia lf	3	0	0	0	1	.100
Espinal 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.278
TOTALS	**34**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**7**	
NY Yankees	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Rizzo 1b	4	1	2	1	1	.300
Judge rf	4	1	2	1	1	.292
Donaldson dh	5	1	1	0	2	.217
Gallo lf	3	0	0	0	1	.188
LeMahieu 3b	4	0	2	1	1	.294
Torres 2b	4	1	1	1	2	.278
Hicks cf	4	0	2	0	0	.353
Kiner-Falefa ss	3	0	0	0	0	.059
a-Stanton ph	1	0	0	0	0	.238
Gonzalez ss	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Higashioka c	4	0	0	0	1	.056
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**9**	

Toronto	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**—**	**6**	**8**	**0**
N.Y. Yankees	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**—**	**4**	**10**	**1**

a-flied out for Kiner-Falefa in the 8th. 1-ran for Kirk in the 7th.
E: Higashioka (1). **LOB:** Toronto 5, New York 8. **2B:** Bichette (1), Guerrero Jr. (1), Donaldson (1), LeMahieu (2).
HR: Guerrero Jr. 2 (3), off Cole; Guerrero Jr. (4), off Loaisiga ; Rizzo (3), off Berrios; Judge (1), off Berrios; Torres (1), off Richards.
RBIs: Guerrero Jr. 4(8), Springer (5), M.Chapman (4), Rizzo (7), Judge (1), LeMahieu (2), Torres (2).
S: Heineman.
Runners left in scoring position: Toronto 3(Gurriel Jr., Bichette, Tapia); New York 2(Kiner-Falefa, Torres).
RISP: Toronto 3for 8; New York 1for 6. **Runners moved up:** Hernandez, Gallo. **GIDP:** Donaldson. **DP:** Toronto 1 (Bichette, Espinal, Guerrero Jr.).

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Berrios	5	6	3	3	3	5	11.81
Cimber, W, 2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.45
Garcia, H, 3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Richards, H, 2	1	2	1	1	0	2	3.86
Romano, S, 4-4	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
NY YANKEES	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Cole	5⅔	4	3	3	1	6	5.59
Green, L, 0-1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0.00
Loaisiga	⅓	2	1	1	0	0	2.45
Peralta	1	2	1	1	0	0	3.38
Sears	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Green 1-0, Loaisiga 2-1.
Umpires: Home, Bruce Dreckman; First, Pat Hoberg; Second, Paul Emmel; Third, James Hoye.
T: 3:10. **A:** 30,109(47,309).

RECENT 4-FOR-4, 3 HOME-RUN PERFORMANCES

PLAYER	DATE	TM	OPP
Vladimir Guerrero Jr.	2022-04-13	Tor	NYY
Rafael Ortega	2021-08-01	ChC	Was
Seby Zavala	2021-07-31	ChW	Cle
Ryan Mountcastle	2021-06-19	Bal	Tor
Jesse Winker	2021-05-21	Cin	Mil
José Abreu	2020-08-22	CHW	CHC
Mookie Betts	2020-08-13	LAD	SD
Paul DeJong	2019-07-24	STL	PIT
Robinson Cano	2019-07-23	NYM	SDP
Max Kepler	2019-06-06	MIN	CLE
Mookie Betts	2018-05-02	BOS	KCR
Kendrys Morales	2015-09-20	KCR	DET
Adrian Gonzalez	2015-04-08	LAD	SDP
Juan Uribe	2013-09-09	LAD	ARI
Miguel Cabrera	2013-05-19	DET	TEX
Ike Davis	2012-07-28	NYM	ARI
Ryan Howard	2006-09-03	PHI	ATL
Morgan Ensberg	2005-05-15	HOU	SF
Dmitri Young	2005-04-04	DET	KCR
Erubiel Durazo	2004-08-18	OAK	BAL
Travis Hafner	2004-07-20	CLE	ANA
Larry Walker	2004-06-25	COL	CLE
Carlos Delgado	2003-09-25	TOR	TBD
Barry Bonds	2002-08-27	SFG	COL
Jason Varitek	2001-05-20	BOS	KC
Albert Belle	1999-07-25	BAL	ANA
Mo Vaughn	1997-05-30	BOS	NYY
Roberto Alomar	1997-04-26	BAL	BOS
Willie Greene	1996-09-24	CIN	CHC
Ken Griffey Jr.	1996-05-24	SEA	NYY
Geronimo Berroa	1996-05-22	OAK	NYY
Tuffy Rhodes	1994-04-04	CHC	NYM
Harold Baines	1991-05-07	OAK	BAL
Darnell Coles	1987-09-30	PIT	CHC
Darryl Strawberry	1985-08-05	NYM	CHC
Dan Ford	1983-07-20	BAL	SEA
Dave Kingman	1979-07-28	CHC	NYM
Carl Yastrzemski	1976-05-19	BOS	DET
Tony Solaita	1975-09-07	KC	CAL
Jim Wynn	1974-05-11	LAD	SD
George Mitterwald	1974-04-17	CHC	PIT
George Hendrick	1973-06-19	CLE	DET
Rico Carty	1970-05-31	ATL	PHI
Gene Oliver	1966-07-30	ATL	SF
Jim Hickman	1965-09-03	NYM	STL
Manny Jimenez	1964-07-04	KCA	BAL
Rocky Colavito	1959-06-10	CLE	BAL
Mickey Mantle	1955-05-13	NYY	DET
Hank Thompson	1954-06-03	NYG	STL
Stan Musial	1954-05-02	STL	NYG
Tommy Brown	1950-09-18	BRO	CHC
Joe DiMaggio	1950-09-10	NYY	WSH
Wes Westrum	1950-06-24	NYG	CIN
Duke Snider	1950-05-30	BRO	PHI
Pat Mullin	1949-06-26	DET	NYY
Joe DiMaggio	1948-05-23	NYY	CLE
Sam Chapman	1946-08-15	PHA	BOS
Merv Connors	1938-09-17	CHW	PHA
Babe Ruth	1935-05-25	BSN	PIT
Lou Gehrig	1929-05-04	NYY	CHW
High Pockets Kelly	1924-06-14	NYG	CIN

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LATE WEDNESDAY: CHI. WH

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Running

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and autograph session. Later he left for Boston where he will be working with sponsors over the weekend before Monday's marathon, the first time the race will be held in the spring since 2019.

Keflezighi, 46, lives in Tampa, Florida, with his wife and daughters in his retirement. In 2004 he became the first American to win a medal in the Olympic marathon since Frank Shorter won the silver in Montreal in 1976. Five years later he became the first American to win New York since 1982 and in 2014, the year after the Boston Marathon bombing, he won Boston, the first American to do so since 1983, which remains his career highlight.

He last ran Boston in 2018 for the Martin Richard Foundation, established in the name of the 8-year-old spectator who died in the bombing. That was the year it was extremely cold and rainy and several top marathoners dropped out. Keflezighi finished in just over three hours. He went on to run New York that year for a charity and hasn't run a marathon since.

For a while, the four-time Olympian thought he had retired too early.

"I still had that in the back of my head," he said. "Then it was like, 'No don't be like Michael Jordan, you want to go out on the top.' And you know what? I'm OK with it. You have to come to accept it. Now I go to races, I just enjoy it. Before it was like my mind might want to do it but the body can't do it."

So now he's an ambassador for the sport, a role four-time Boston and New York winner Bill Rodgers has had for many years, and indeed, the two are similar in their easy-going demeanor and how they bond with people. The line at Fleet Feet stretched out the door Thursday, and Keflezighi accommodated everyone, with autographs and photos.

"I had a lot of interaction with Bill Rodgers, and I wanted to be the next guy like him," he said. "I still have his autograph when I met him in '99 or so. It's in my scrapbook.

"I didn't think running would take me there when I started but eventually, after I won the silver medal, I wanted to be part of the sport and community to help encourage and support others."

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Olympic silver medalist and Boston and New York City Marathon winner Meb Keflezighi, center, runs up Farmington Ave with children and parents before an appearance at Fleet Feet Thursday in West Hartford. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Huskies

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UConn will also be without guards R.J. Cole and Tyrese Martin, who announced plans to turn pro. In addition, Isaiah Whaley and Tyler Polley exhausted their eligibility.

On Wednesday the Huskies landed former East Carolina guard Tristen Newton. However, even with Newton's addition, UConn currently has eight scholarship players with five spots available. UConn coach Dan Hurley looks to round out the remaining spots with perimeter players and players that they can develop.

Meanwhile, Hurley agrees with Jackson's take.

"Listen, we don't have a lot of players, as many you need to start a season, but the ones we have are really good," he said. "We like the one (Newton) that we got a lot. We love the core we are bringing back. Not a lot a of schools in the country that wouldn't want to trade their best four for our best four. It will be exciting for Alex Karaban and Samson Johnson. These are high-level recruits for us."

With nearly 30% of NCAA Division I college basketball players in the transfer portal, Hurley wasn't surprised when four players left.

"For the most part, they were expected," he said. "We knew. As soon as the season was over, you are dealing with the suffering with the way our season ended. We got into meetings that next week.

"In terms of organizational culture, honesty is something that pays dividends over a long period of time. In the short term, sometimes honesty hurts a little bit. With my guys, I'm going to tell them where they are at in their careers and what we are thinking in terms of adding to the program. Obviously a combination of what we planned to do in terms of adding and where guys are at with their career forced what happened."

Jackson made clear he never considered following his teammates out the transfer portal door.

"When you are a competitor at the end of the day, you look forward to the competition," he said. "Seeing guys leave, I understand it. I understand maybe they didn't see their situation playing out here in the way they wanted. For me, I would have stayed in the fight and tried to take my minutes."

Still, seeing his teammates leave was tough.

"It definitely affects different people seeing your teammates leave," Jackson said. "Especially when one of them is your brother and you knew them for a long time. It definitely hurts seeing some guys go."

While four players have left, the addition of Newton is a key one for the Huskies. He gives them a point guard which the roster has lacked. Newton averaged 17.7 points, 4.8 rebounds and 5.0 assists during the 2021-22 season.

"He's got great size," Hurley said. "The ability to switch on the perimeter, the athletic ability and the length is exciting. It allows you to do more things."



"People forget the games here and there, and we reminisce about stuff that happens on the court, but off the court is where we find our happiness and what we look back on. We did a lot of cool stuff together." — Evina Westbrook . **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP**

Westbrook

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Huskies, UConn Huskies that is, with Sue Bird, Breanna Stewart and Gabby Williams also on the roster.

"Just to be surrounded by so many alumni is going to be pretty cool," Westbrook said. "I'm excited, I think they're excited for me, too, to have another familiar face, familiar with the UConn program, and the UConn players have the reputation for doing things a certain way. I've had a chance to talk with [Bird] a couple of times, she's a super-cool person and I'm looking forward to soaking up whatever knowledge she can give me."

In her pre-draft interviews, Westbrook's experience in the UConn culture the past two seasons, and her passion for playing in Seattle, made an impression on Storm coach Noelle Quinn. The Storm have won four WNBA titles in their 22-year existence, the most recent in 2020.

"I had an opportunity to speak with her prior to the draft and heard her mind for the game and her heart for working hard," Quinn said. "Also, being from Oregon, I heard her affinity for the Seattle Storm and the excitement she had to be a part of this program."

The Storm didn't have a first-round pick but were busy in the second taking Westbrook, NC State's Elissa Cunane and Lorela Cubaj from Georgia Tech, then trading Cubaj to New York and selecting Australia's Jade Melbourne in the third round.

The 6-foot Westbrook began her college career at Tennessee and then sat a year after transferring to UConn. She became a team leader, "Mama E," and a versatile spark off the bench in the Huskies' run through the tournament in 2022.

"Evina's versatility, her ability to defend and to play multiple positions stood out to us," Quinn said. "Coming from UConn, playing in their pro system and having the ability to transfer that skill set over to our systems was important as well."

When training camp starts Westbrook wants to work on becoming a more consistent shooter.

"The biggest thing, when I talked to coach, she said, 'If we end up picking you, you have to carve out your own spot,' " Westbrook said. "The reputation of UConn players, no matter where we end up, including the ones on this team already, I think it speaks volumes about how we do things, the certain type of player that we are.

"I'm not going to be playing the four at this level, I'm a little smaller, so getting the ball back in my hands, facilitating for my team. I'm already used to doing whatever my team needs me to do, I've shown that, especially these past two years."

In her last meeting with UConn coach Geno Auriemma, he assured Westbrook she was ready for whatever the WNBA would throw at her.

"He said, 'You're a UConn kid, show 'em what we're all about,' " Westbrook said. "I'm just going out, not be scared, just be a sponge and soak up as much info as I can from the older players."

The end of college life and the plunge into real life is not much different for a pro basketball player than it is for the normal 20-something. There's fond reflection of what was, and a letting go to start a new chapter. Westbrook's three years at UConn brought highs and lows, challenges, obstacles, and it also created new friendships.

"I definitely wouldn't change thing," she said. "I'm a big believer in everything happens for a reason, so all the adversities I was hit with personally, and as a team, it was supposed to happen and it made us stronger. I made a lot of memories there, made a lot of relationships. These last couple of days I'm just trying to take everything in. It has been surreal, leaving college, being done with that chapter and starting my pro career.

"Honestly, all the memories I made with my team brings me the most happiness. Just to think back on all the stupid stuff we did, all the laughs that we had, being in the apartment, going out to dinner, being in certain hotels, locker rooms. People forget the games here and there, and we reminisce about stuff that happens on the court, but off the court is where we find our happiness and what we look back on. We did a lot of cool stuff together."

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SENATORS 3, BRUINS 2

Boston loses Ullmark, then falls to Ottawa

Boston Herald

BOSTON —The Bruins have picked a bad time to play their worst stretch of hockey of the season. And the injury bug is proving to have a voracious appetite.

Boston watched a two-goal lead quickly evaporate in an awful second period, its power-play (0-5 on Thursday, 0-for-23 in their last six) and they lost 3-2 to the also-ran Ottawa Senators at the TD Garden. It is the first time all season the Bruins have lost three consecutive games and they've now lost four of their last five.

If that wasn't concerning enough, Linus Ullmark, who had been trending toward being the goalie in Game One of the playoffs, left the game after the first period for reasons that were not immediately disclosed.

The Bruins didn't play what you would call a clean first period as they had some issues breaking the puck out and their power-play continued to falter. But they managed to come away with a 2-0 lead while outshooting the Sens, 16-8.

CELTICS

Brown set to jump into first-round excitement

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

Jaylen Brown missed last season's first-round loss to the Nets due to wrist surgery and it's not hard to tell that the young Celtics star has some pent-up enthusiasm this time around for a Brooklyn rematch set to begin on Sunday in the Garden.

"You could tell (by the) smile on my face, right?" he said after Thursday's practice.

"Yeah, it's exciting. I've had a little bit of trouble sleeping. So I'm just trying to calm myself down," he said. "I'm ready to go, I'm excited, it's playoff time, it's the best time of the year. This is what you work for. So ultimately, going out there and just breathing and being yourself is going to be key because I know it's gonna be a lot of energy in the Garden, there's gonna be a lot of energy in the arena. So sometimes the more calm, relaxed player is the one who gets the advantage. So just trying to stay balanced as much as possible, but I'm definitely excited."

And now for the hard part. How not for Brown and Jayson Tatum to get too caught up in the scoring derby that Kevin Durant and their former teammate, Kyrie Irving, are about to launch. The Nets are best in the league when it comes to isolation basketball. Indeed, Durant and Irving are two of the most gifted man-to-man scorers in the history of the game.

"It's exciting. What more could you ask for?" said Brown. "Those are two of the best offensive players to touch a ball in NBA history, if you ask certain people. It's a great challenge and it's something that I'll be looking forward to, for sure. It's exciting, to be honest. I'm ready to go."

Tatum and Brown certainly have their own scoring chops. But the Celtics' remarkable turnaround over the second half of the season is the result of superior ball movement, with a high assist percentage (60.9%) and a break from their own iso tendencies.

"How hard is it? I'm not sure how to answer that question," Brown said of all concerned sticking to their offensive principles. "Everything is a part of the game plan, just coming out being aggressive and being yourself. It's not a one-on-one duel, it's not a two-on-two duel, it's five-on-five at the end of the day. It's gonna be other players on the court, so everybody else outside, of course, it's exciting and they get caught up in the matchups and this star power, but in reality basketball is played five-on-five. It's gonna take everybody on our side to be able to win and be able to push forward."

Simmons status still unknown: Once again, Nets head coach Steve Nash said injured star Ben Simmons is still a ways away from making his season debut.

And once again, a series of reputable reports suggest otherwise.

Quite frankly, no one knows what to believe as it pertains to Simmons, the 25-year-old Australian All-Star forward who has been recovering from a herniated disk in his lower back. Simmons was still limited to only individual rehab work at Thursday's practice at Brooklyn's HSS Training Facility.

"He's still not working with the group, so to speak," Nash said after practice. "He's with the group, watching, observing, taking everything in, but his physical plan is still individual."

Nets veteran guard Goran Dragic arrived at Nets practice early on Thursday and said Simmons was not at the facility while the team played pickup and practiced.

Kristian Winfield of the New York Daily News contributed to this report.

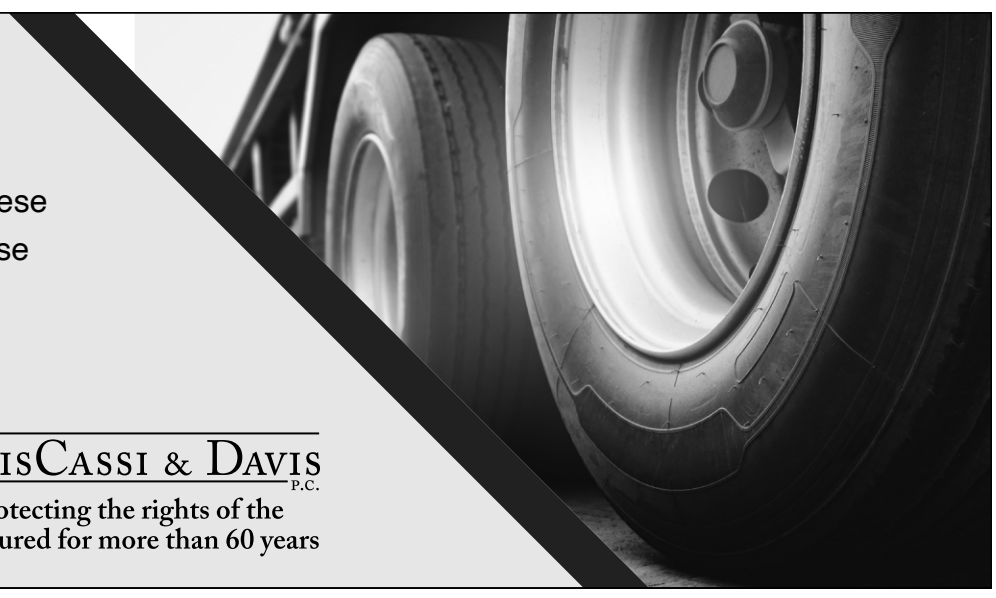
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ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Florida	73	52	15	6	110	305	216
x-Toronto	73	47	20	6	100	279	226
Tampa Bay	73	44	21	8	96	239	205
Boston	73	45	23	5	95	229	199
Detroit	73	28	35	10	66	210	281
Buffalo	75	27	37	11	65	208	266
Ottawa	73	27	40	6	60	197	237
Montreal	74	20	43	11	51	193	284
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
x-Carolina	74	48	18	8	104	247	177
x-N.Y. Rangers	75	48	21	6	102	231	191
Pittsburgh	75	42	22	11	95	247	210
Washington	73	41	22	10	92	249	212
N.Y. Islanders	72	34	29	9	77	200	200
Columbus	74	35	33	6	76	240	274
New Jersey	73	26	41	6	58	227	271
Philadelphia	74	23	40	11	57	190	269

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Colorado	73	53	14	6	112	284	201
Minnesota	72	45	21	6	96	268	223
St. Louis	73	43	20	10	96	268	209
Nashville	73	42	26	5	89	237	210
Dallas	73	42	27	4	88	215	217
Winnipeg	74	35	28	11	81	230	232
Chicago	73	24	38	11	59	194	260
Arizona	73	22	46	5	49	181	271
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Calgary	73	45	19	9	99	258	181
Edmonton	74	42	26	6	90	256	235
Los Angeles	76	39	27	10	88	220	225
Vegas	74	40	29	5	85	238	221
Vancouver	74	36	28	10	82	217	210
Anaheim	75	29	33	13	71	210	245
San Jose	72	29	33	10	68	186	229
Seattle	73	23	44	6	52	189	255

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Anaheim at Tampa Bay, late
Detroit at Carolina, late
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, late
Ottawa at Boston, late
St. Louis at Buffalo, late
Washington at Toronto, late
Edmonton at Nashville, late
Minnesota at Dallas, late
San Jose at Chicago, late
New Jersey at Colorado, late
Vegas at Calgary, late
Arizona at Vancouver, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 7p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Nashville, 12:30p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 12:30p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 3p.m.
Vegas at Edmonton, 4p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7p.m.
Washington at Montreal, 7p.m.
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 9p.m.
Arizona at Calgary, 10p.m.
New Jersey at Seattle, 10p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Columbus 5, Montreal 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 9, Los Angeles 3

INDIVIDUAL GOALS LEADERS

EVEN STRENGTH	TM	GP	G	EV
Auston Matthews	TOR	68	58	43
Connor McDavid	EDM	73	42	33
Kyle Connor	WPG	71	42	31
Filip Forsberg	NSH	60	38	31
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	71	42	30
Alex Ovechkin	WSH	71	46	30
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	73	51	29
Johnny Gaudreau	CGY	73	34	28
Jake Guentzel	PIT	69	35	28
Ryan Hartman	MIN	72	29	28
Elias Lindholm	CGY	73	38	28
Jeff Skinner	BUF	73	31	26
Matthew Tkachuk	CGY	73	37	26

SHORTHANDED	TM	GP	PP	SOG
Trevor Moore	LAK	76	5	193
Aleksander Barkov	FLA	60	4	193
Alex Formenton	OTT	70	4	139
Isac Lundestrom	ANA	73	4	80
Ilya Mikheyev	TOR	44	4	124
Gustav Nyquist	CBJ	74	4	107
Cam Atkinson	PHI	73	3	215
Kyle Connor	WPG	71	3	290
Jon. Huberdeau	FLA	73	3	207
Adrian Kempe	LAK	73	3	223
Chris Kreider	NYR	75	3	235
Evgeny Kuznetsov	WSH	70	3	191
Adam Lowry	WPG	71	3	98
Mitch Marner	TOR	64	3	196

POWER-PLAY	TM	GP	SH	SOG
Chris Kreider	NYR	75	25	235
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	73	21	257
Mikko Rantanen	COL	70	16	241
Auston Matthews	TOR	68	15	324
Joshua Norris	OTT	57	15	152
Alex Ovechkin	WSH	71	15	312
Alex DeBrincat	CHI	73	14	236
Pierre-Luc Dubois	WPG	73	14	217
Matt Duchene	NSH	69	14	196
David Pastrnak	BOS	69	14	304
Sebastian Aho	CAR	71	13	198
Bo Horvat	VAN	69	13	193
Sam Reinhart	FLA	70	13	172
Mika Zibanejad	NYR	75	13	204

GAME-WINNING	TM	GP	G	GW
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	73	51	10
Chris Kreider	NYR	75	50	10
Jason Robertson	DAL	65	34	10

through Wednesday; hockey-reference

ODDS

MLB — **FRIDAY**

NATIONAL LEAGUE FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at N.Y Mets	-200	Arizona	+170
Washington	-113	at Pittsburgh	-106
at Miami	-113	Philadelphia	-107
at Milwaukee	-157	St. Louis	+135
at Colorado	-137	Chi. Cubs	+117
at San Diego	-112	Atlanta	-108
at LA Dodgers	-242	Cincinnati	+197
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Minnesota	off	at Boston	off
NY Yankees	-215	at Baltimore	+175
at Toronto	-209	Oakland	+175
at Chi Wh.Sox	-141	Tampa Bay	+121
at Texas	off	LA Angels	off
at Kansas City	-140	Detroit	+120
Houston	-126	at Seattle	+106
INTERLEAGUE			
San Francisco	-152	at Cleveland	+131

NBA PLAY-IN — **FRIDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Atlanta	2½	(223)	at Cleveland
at LA Clippers	4	(216)	New Orleans
NBA PLAYOFFS			**SATURDAY**
Utah	5	(210)	at Dallas
at Memphis	7	(235)	Minnesota
at Philadelphia	4½	(216)	at Toronto
at Golden State	6½	(223½)	Denver
			SUNDAY
at Boston	4	(224½)	Brooklyn
at Milwaukee	10	(228½)	Chicago

NBA PLAYOFF SERIES PRICES

Utah	-310	Dallas	+260
Memphis	-400	Minnesota	+320
Philadelphia	-175	Toronto	+155
Golden State	-250	Denver	+210
Boston	-137	Brooklyn	+117
Milwaukee	-1400	Chicago	+800

NBA FINALS CHAMPIONS

Phoenix	13-5	Milwaukee	5-1
Brooklyn	13-2	Boston	17-2
Golden State	17-2	Miami	10-1
Memphis	13-1	Philadelphia	14-1
Utah	22-1	Denver	35-1
Dallas	40-1	LA Clippers	50-1
Minnesota	66-1	Toronto	80-1
Chicago	100-1	Atlanta	200-1
Cleveland	300-1	New Orleans	1000-1

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NHL — **FRIDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Florida	-192	Winnipeg	+158
New York	-154	at Montreal	+128

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

PLAY-IN ROUNDS
Friday's second round
East: Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
West: New Orl. at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.
Wednesday's first round
East: Atlanta 132, Charlotte 103
West: New Orleans 113, San Antonio 103
Tuesday's first round
East: Brooklyn 115, Cleveland 108
West: Minnesota 109, L.A. Clippers 104

EAST FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami vs. East #8 Seed
Sunday: at Miami, 1 p.m.

#2 Boston vs. #7 Brooklyn
Sunday: at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
April 23: at Brooklyn, TBD
April 25: at Brooklyn, TBD
x-April 27: at Boston, TBD
x-April 29: at Brooklyn, TBD
x-May 1: at Boston, TBD

#3 Milwaukee vs. #6 Chicago
Sunday: at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.
April 22: at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
April 24: at Chicago, 1 p.m.
x-April 27: at Milwaukee, TBD
x-April 29: at Chicago, TBD
x-May 1: at Milwaukee, TBD

#4 Philadelphia vs. #5 Toronto
Saturday: at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Momday: at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Toronto, 8 p.m.
April 23: at Toronto, 2 p.m.
x-April 25: at Philadelphia, TBD
x-April 28: at Toronto, TBD
x-April 30: at Philadelphia, TBD

WEST FIRST ROUND
#1 Phoenix vs. West #8 Seed
Sunday: at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

#2 Memphis vs. Minnesota
Saturday: at Memphis, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: at Memphis, TBD
Thursday: at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
April 23: at Minnesota, TBD
x-April 26: at Memphis, TBD
x-April 29: at Minnesota, TBD
x-May 1: at Memphis, TBD

#3 Golden State vs. #6 Denver
Saturday: at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Monday: at Golden State, 10 p.m.
April 21: at Denver, 10 p.m.
April 24: at Denver, 3:30 p.m.
x-April 27: at Golden State, TBD
x-April 29: at Denver, TBD
x-May 1: at Golden State, TBD

#4 Dallas vs. #5 Utah
Saturday: at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Monday: at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
April 21: at Utah, 9 p.m.
April 23: at Utah, 4:30 p.m.
x-April 25: at Dallas, TBD
x-April 28: at Utah, TBD
x-April 30: at Dallas, TBD

Rest of first-round schedule TBD

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	0	1	16	10	2
Orlando City	3	2	2	11	8	7
N.Y. Red Bulls	3	2	1	10	10	6
Atlanta	3	2	1	10	9	9
Charlotte FC	3	4	0	9	7	9
Chicago	2	1	3	9	5	2
Columbus	2	2	2	8	10	7
Toronto FC	2	2	2	8	9	11
CF Montréal	2	3	1	7	11	15
D.C. United	2	3	0	6	5	5
Cincinnati	2	4	0	6	8	14
New York City FC	1	3	1	4	5	6
New England	1	4	1	4	8	12
Inter Miami CF	1	4	1	4	6	15
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	4	1	1	13	14	6
LA Galaxy	4	2	0	12	9	6
Real Salt Lake	3	1	3	12	9	7
Austin FC	3	1	2	11	14	5
FC Dallas	3	1	2	11	10	4
Houston	3	1	2	11	10	7
Nashville	3	2	1	10	6	6
Portland	2	2	3	9	10	13
Colorado	2	2	2	8	8	8
Minnesota United	2	2	2	8	5	5
Seattle	2	2	1	7	6	6
Kansas City	2	5	0	6	5	11
Vancouver	1	4	1	4	5	12
San Jose	0	4	2	2	9	15

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Vancouver at CF Montréal, 3p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 3:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 6p.m.
Portland at Houston, 6p.m.
FC Dallas at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.
Orlando City at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Austin FC at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at New England, 7:30p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Chicago, 8p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Miami at Seattle, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Real Salt Lake at New York City FC, 1 p.m.
Sporting KCat Los Angeles FC, 4p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
Houston at FC Dallas, 3p.m.
CF Montréal at Philadelphia, 3p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 5p.m.
New England at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
Vancouver at Austin FC, 8:30p.m.
Columbus at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at Colorado, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Portland, 10p.m.
Seattle at San Jose, 10p.m.
Nashville at LA Galaxy, 10:30p.m.

NWSL CHALLENGE CUP

THURSDAY'S RESULT
San Diego Wave FC at OL Reign, late

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Houston at Kansas City, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
North Carolina at Orlando, 7p.m.
Chicago at Louisville, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Gotham FC, 3p.m.
Angel City FC at OL Reign, 6p.m.
San Diego Wave FC at Portland, 7p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	31	23	5	3	72	20	74
Liverpool	31	22	7	2	79	22	73
Chelsea	30	18	8	4	64	23	62
Tottenham	31	18	3	10	56	37	57
Arsenal	30	17	3	10	45	36	54
West Ham	32	15	6	11	51	42	51
Man United	31	14	9	8	49	42	51
Wolverhampton	32	15	4	13	33	28	49
Leicester	29	11	7	11	45	48	40
Crystal Palace	31	8	13	10	43	40	37
Brighton	31	8	13	10	28	37	37
Aston Villa	31	11	3	17	42	46	36
Brentford	32	10	6	16	39	48	36
Southampton	31	8	12	11	37	52	36
Newcastle	31	8	10	13	34	54	34
Leeds	32	8	9	15	38	68	33
Everton	30	8	4	18	33	52	28
Burnley	30	4	12	14	25	44	24
Watford	31	6	4	21	29	60	22
Norwich	31	5	6	20	20	63	21

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Tottenham vs. Brighton, 7:30a.m.
Man United vs. Norwich, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Arsenal, 10a.m.
Watford vs. Brentford, 10a.m.
Everton vs. Crystal Palace, ppd
Aston Villa vs. Liverpool, ppd

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Newcastle vs. Leicester, 9:15a.m.
West Ham vs. Burnley, 9:15a.m.
Leeds vs. Chelsea, ppd
Wolverhampton vs. Man City, ppd

TUESDAY'S MATCH
Liverpool vs. Man United, 3p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
Everton vs. Leicester, 2:45p.m.
Chelsea vs. Arsenal, 2:45p.m.
Newcastle vs. Crystal Palace, 2:45p.m.
Man City vs. Brighton, 3p.m.

GOLF

PGA RBC HERITAGE

1st of 4 rounds, Harbour Town Links, Hilton Head, S.C., 7,191 yards; Par: 71

Cameron Young	31-32—63	-8
Joaquin Niemann	34-31—65	-6
Patrick Cantlay	35-31—66	-5
Corey Conners	32-34—66	-5
Shane Lowry	34-32—66	-5
Graeme McDowell	34-32—66	-5
Mito Pereira	33-33—66	-5
Sepp Straka	33-33—66	-5
Adam Svensson	32-34—66	-5
Stewart Cink	35-32—67	-4
Brian Gay	36-31—67	-4
Bill Haas	34-33—67	-4
Tyrrell Hatton	33-34—67	-4
Patton Kizzire	33-34—67	-4
Denny McCarthy	34-33—67	-4
Scott Piercy	31-36—67	-4
Chad Ramey	31-36—67	-4
Matthias Schwab	32-35—67	-4
Harold Varner III	33-34—67	-4
Jonathan Byrd	33-35—68	-3
Wyndham Clark	37-31—68	-3
Tyler Duncan	33-35—68	-3
Lucas Glover	34-34—68	-3
Russell Henley	33-35—68	-3
Matt Kuchar	36-32—68	-3
Pat Perez	33-35—68	-3
J.T. Poston	34-34—68	-3
Charl Schwartzel	34-34—68	-3
Roger Sloan	36-32—68	-3
Robert Streb	35-33—68	-3
Aaron Wise	35-33—68	-3
Joseph Bramlett	35-34—69	-2
Joel Dahmen	35-34—69	-2
Cameron Davis	35-34—69	-2
Adam Hadwin	35-34—69	-2
James Hahn	36-33—69	-2
Jim Herman	34-35—69	-2
Harry Higgs	33-36—69	-2
Billy Horschel	35-34—69	-2
Si Woo Kim	34-35—69	-2
Kevin Kisner	35-34—69	-2
Anirban Lahiri	33-36—69	-2
Adam Long	35-34—69	-2
Peter Malnati	35-34—69	-2
Troy Merritt	35-34—69	-2
Doc Redman	34-35—69	-2
Webb Simpson	39-30—69	-2
Alex Smalley	36-33—69	-2
Jordan Spieth	36-33—69	-2
Hudson Swafford	35-34—69	-2
Cameron Tringale	34-35—69	-2
Kevin Tway	33-36—69	-2
Erik Van Rooyen	35-34—69	-2
Luke Donald	36-34—70	-1
Matt Fitzpatrick	33-37—70	-1
Dylan Frittelli	35-35—70	-1
Doug Ghim	34-36—70	-1
Emiliano Grillo	35-35—70	-1
Sungjae Im	36-34—70	-1
Jason Kokrak	38-32—70	-1
Hank Lebioda	35-35—70	-1
Davis Love III	35-35—70	-1
Collin Morikawa	34-36—70	-1
Kevin Na	36-34—70	-1
Matthew NeSmith	36-34—70	-1
Alex Noren	36-34—70	-1
C.T. Pan	35-35—70	-1
Andrew Putnam	36-34—70	-1
Justin Thomas	34-36—70	-1
Danny Willett	35-35—70	-1
Daniel Berger	35-36—71	E
Tommy Fleetwood	36-35—71	E
Michael Gligic	37-34—71	E
Branden Grace	36-35—71	E
Kramer Hickok	38-33—71	E
Charley Hoffman	37-34—71	E
Morgan Hoffmann	34-37—71	E
Sung Kang	36-35—71	E
Danny Lee	36-35—71	E
Ben Martin	36-35—71	E
Maverick McNealy	35-36—71	E
Carlos Ortiz	32-39—71	E
James Piot	38-33—71	E
Ian Poulter	35-36—71	E
Sam Ryder	37-34—71	E
J.J. Spaun	35-36—71	E
Henrik Stenson	36-35—71	E
Nick Taylor	34-37—71	E
Sahith Theegala	37-34—71	E
Michael Thompson	37-34—71	E
Camilo Villegas	35-36—71	E
Wesley Bryan	37-35—72	+1
Morgan DeNeen	34-38—72	+1
Chesson Hadley	35-37—72	+1
Brian Harman	35-37—72	+1
Dustin Johnson	36-36—72	+1
Chris Kirk	36-36—72	+1
Russell Knox	37-35—72	+1
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	37-35—72	+1
William McGirt	39-33—72	+1
Adam Schenk	35-37—72	+1
Kevin Streelman	35-37—72	+1
Brendon Todd	35-37—72	+1
Scott Brown	37-36—73	+2
Brice Garnett	36-37—73	+2
Lanto Griffin	34-39—73	+2
Tom Hoge	37-36—73	+2
Charles Howell III	36-37—73	+2
Mackenzie Hughes	38-35—73	+2
Takumi Kanaya	38-35—73	+2
Satoshi Kodaira	39-34—73	+2
Henrik Norlander	36-37—73	+2
Cameron Smith	40-33—73	+2
Brandt Snedeker	38-35—73	+2
Brian Stuard	36-37—73	+2
Richy Werenski	37-36—73	+2
Jim Furyk	37-37—74	+3
Garrick Higgo	38-36—74	+3
Scott Stallings	37-37—74	+3
Martin Trainer	36-38—74	+3
Nick Watney	38-36—74	+3
Brandon Hagy	38-37—75	+4
Stephan Jaeger	39-36—75	+4
Nate Lashley	36-39—75	+4
Luke List	40-35—75	+4
Bryson Nimmer	41-34—75	+4
Davis Riley	35-40—75	+4
Rickie Fowler	39-37—76	+5
Chez Reavie	36-40—76	+5
Ryan Brehm	37-42—79	+8
Beau Hossler	40-39—79	+8

LATE WEDNESDAY: LPGA LOTTE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st of 4 rounds, Aviara GC,Ewa Beach, Oahu, Hawaii, 6,603 yards; Par: 72

Hannah Green	33-33—66	-6
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	33-34—67	-5
Hyo Joo Kim	35-32—67	-5
Aditi Ashok	32-35—67	-5
Alison Lee	34-33—67	-5
Gemma Dryburgh	36-31—67	-5
Sarah Kemp	34-34—68	-4
Haeji Kang	33-35—68	-4
Gaby Lopez	34-34—68	-4
Janie Jackson	33-35—68	-4
Min Lee	34-35—69	-3
Lydia Ko	35-34—69	-3
Albane Valenzuela	36-34—70	-2
Dewi Weber	35-35—70	-2
Ariya Jutanugarn	35-35—70	-2
Cheyenne Knight	34-36—70	-2
Linnea Johansson	34-36—70	-2
Allisen Corpuz	35-35—70	-2
Brittany Altomare	34-36—70	-2
Hye-Jin Choi	34-36—70	-2
Georgia Hall	35-35—70	-2
Chella Choi	34-36—70	-2
Anna Nordqvist	35-35—70	-2
Bianca Pagdanganan	37-33—70	-2
Maria Fassi	34-36—70	-2
Ssu-Chia Cheng	35-36—71	-1
Andrea Lee	36-35—71	-1
Anne van Dam	35-36—71	-1
Pernilla Lindberg	34-37—71	-1
Na Rin An	33-38—71	-1
Stephanie Meadow	34-37—71	-1
Perrine Delacour	35-36—71	-1
Paula Reto	35-36—71	-1
Celine Boutier	35-36—71	-1
Leona Maguire	38-33—71	-1
Jeongeun Lee5	37-34—71	-1
Somi Lee	36-35—71	-1
Ruixin Liu	36-35—71	-1
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	36-35—71	-1
Ayaka Furue	35-36—71	-1
Hinako Shibuno	34-37—71	-1
Atthaya Thitikul	36-35—71	-1
Ashleigh Buhai	36-35—71	-1
Kelly Tan	36-35—71	-1
Isi Gabsa	35-36—71	-1
Stephanie Kyriacou	35-36—71	-1
Yu-Sang Hou	35-36—71	-1
Haylee Rae Harford	34-37—71	-1
Brianna Do	36-36—72	E
Charlotte Thomas	36-36—72	E
A Lim Kim	36-36—72	E
Brittany Lincicome	36-36—72	E
Ryann O'Toole	35-37—72	E
Mi Hyang Lee	36-36—72	E
Dottie Ardina	35-37—72	E
Teresa Lu	36-36—72	E
Dana Finkelstein	35-37—72	E
Lauren Kim	35-37—72	E
In Gee Chun	35-37—72	E
Megan Khang	36-36—72	E
Sophia Popov	36-36—72	E
Jenny Coleman	39-33—72	E

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	296	--	5
2	Ford	274	-22	2
3	Toyota	268	-28	1

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	0	1	5	288
Ryan Blaney	0	3	5	285
William Byron	2	4	4	276
Joey Logano	0	2	4	261
Ross Chastain	1	5	5	246
Alex Bowman	1	2	4	237
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	1	4	237
Aric Almirola	0	1	4	223
Kevin Harvick	0	1	3	222
Kyle Busch	0	1	5	221
Chase Briscoe	1	2	3	220
Tyler Reddick	0	2	3	202
Kyle Larson	1	3	3	201
Austin Cindric	1	1	2	201
Austin Dillon	0	2	4	197
Kurt Busch	0	2	4	187
Erik Jones	0	1	2	181
Daniel Suarez	0	2	3	179
Christopher Bell	0	1	3	173
Chris Buescher	0	0	2	173
Denny Hamlin	1	1	1	157
Bubba Wallace	0	1	1	154
Justin Haley	0	0	0	135
Cole Custer	0	0	0	135
Ty Dillon	0	0	0	130
Michael McDowell	0	0	1	121
Todd Gilliland	0	0	0	112
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	0	1	111
Harrison Burton	0	0	0	110
Corey LaJoie	0	1	1	99
Brad Keselowski	0	0	1	92
Cody Ware	0	0	0	68
B.J. McLeod	0	0	0	60
David Ragan	0	0	1	48
Garrett Smithley	0	0	0	28
Greg Biffle	0	0	0	22
Jacques Villeneuve	0	0	0	15
Boris Said	0	0	0	11
Joey Hand	0	0	0	2

NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS

Points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:

DRIVER	POS.	PCT.	LAPS
1. William Byron	3	8.4	153
2. Ryan Blaney	2	7.7	141
3. Chase Elliott	1	7.5	137
4. Ross Chastain	5	5.7	104
5. Martin Truex Jr	7	5	91
6. Chase Briscoe	11	4.9	89
7. Tyler Reddick	12	4.2	76
8. Kyle Busch	10	3.8	70
9. Kyle Larson	13	3.7	68
10. Alex Bowman	6	3.6	65

LAPS LED

DRIVER	EV	LAPS	LED
William Byron	8	1996	482
Ryan Blaney	8	2014	339
Chase Elliott	8	2182	276
Ross Chastain	8	2042	156
Chase Briscoe	8	2045	128
Christopher Bell	8	2026	111
Kyle Busch	8	2030	99
Martin Truex, Jr.	8	2089	97
Tyler Reddick	8	2053	97
Brad Keselowski	8	2180	70
Kyle Larson	8	1987	59
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	8	2026	42
Denny Hamlin	8	1875	40

AVERAGE FINISH POSITION

DRIVER	EV	AvST	AvFN
Chase Elliott	8	9.6	11.3
Ryan Blaney	8	5.1	12.0
Alex Bowman	8	12.1	12.0
Aric Almirola	8	17.6	12.4
Ross Chastain	8	18.1	12.6
Kevin Harvick	8	16.8	12.9
Joey Logano	8	9.6	13.4
Kyle Busch	8	11.8	13.5
Martin Truex, Jr.	8	15.9	13.8
William Byron	8	11.6	14.0
Austin Dillon	8	20.1	14.6
Chase Briscoe	8	10.1	15.0
Kurt Busch	8	20.5	15.1
Austin Cindric	8	9.5	15.9

POLE POSITIONS
Christopher Bell — Ryan Blaney, 3
Chase Elliott — Austin Cindric
Kyle Larson

LAPS IN THE TOP 15	PCT.	LAPS
1. Ryan Blaney	82.8	1475
2. William Byron	82.3	1466
3. Joey Logano	81.8	1456
4. Chase Elliott	77.7	1383
5. Martin Truex Jr	72.9	1298
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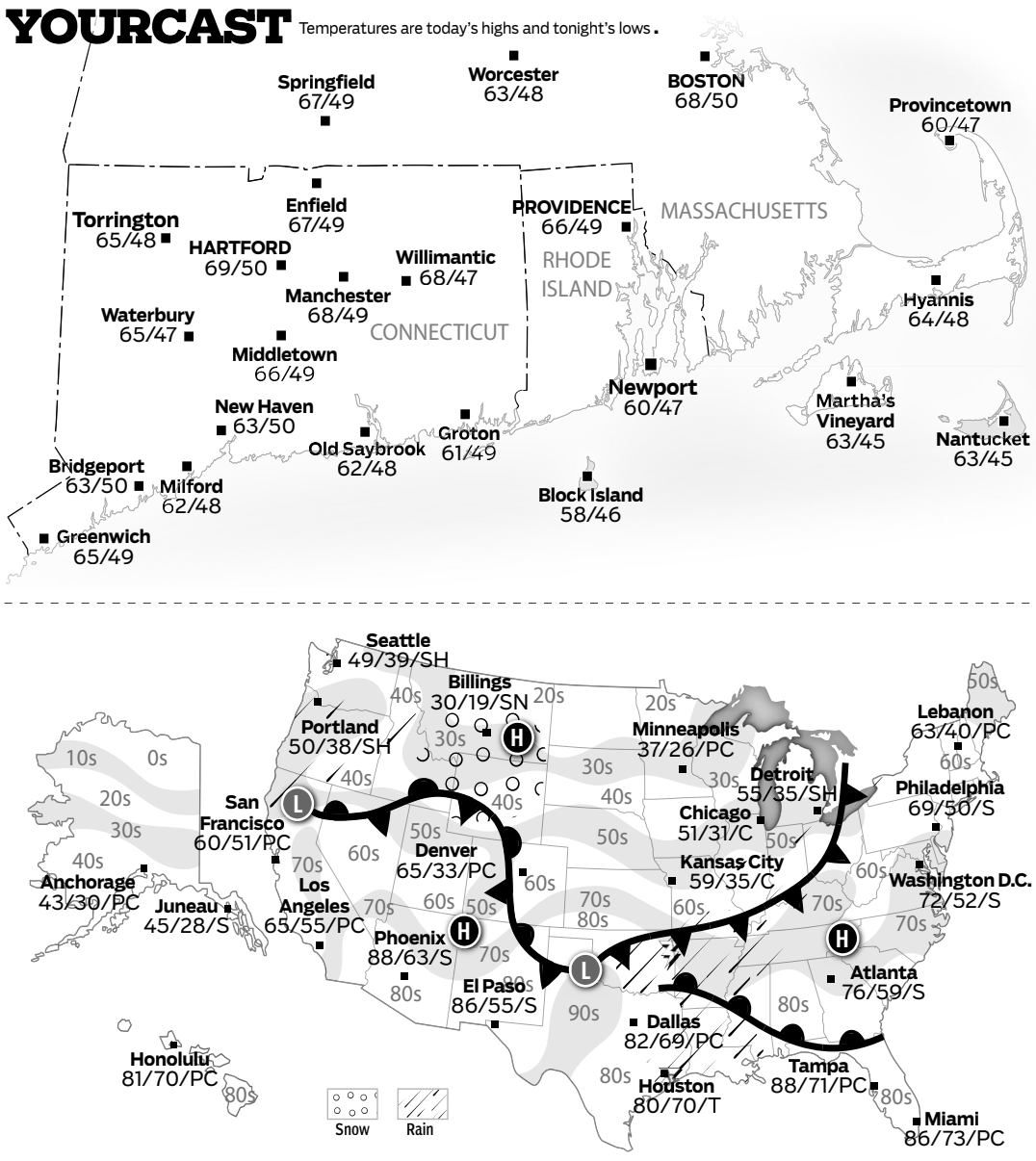
WEATHER

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Mostly sunny, breezy and mild. West wind at 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy, breezy, showers developing in the afternoon and continuing at night.	Partly sunny, breezy and cooler.	Increasing cloudiness, breezy and seasonable.	Periods of rain, breezy and cooler.
HIGH 69° LOW 50°	HIGH 65° LOW 38°	HIGH 54° LOW 35°	HIGH 59° LOW 40°	HIGH 52° LOW 37°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

It was an unseasonably mild day Thursday with high temperatures ranging from the mid-70s to the lower 80s across the interior. Danbury's high of 81 degrees was the warmest in the state. A round of showers and thunderstorms moved through during the late afternoon and the early evening knocking temperatures back into the 60s. High pressure will bring mostly sunny skies and breezy conditions on Friday with high temperatures in the 60s to near 70 degrees. Saturday will feature a mostly cloudy sky. Developing mid to late afternoon showers will continue into Saturday night.

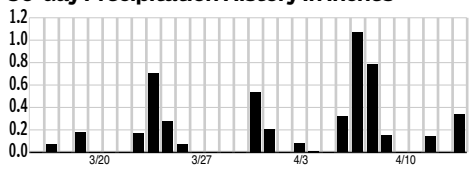
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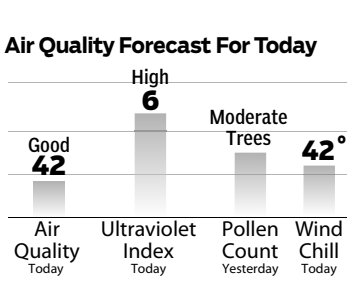
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.34	0.13
Month to date	3.11	1.78
Total this year	12.59	12.00

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	9:11 a.m. 9:25 p.m.	3:16 a.m. 3:28 p.m.	53°
Saybrook Jetty	10:22 a.m. 10:36 p.m.	4:09 a.m. 4:21 p.m.	52°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:41 a.m. 1:05 p.m.	7:55 a.m. 8:07 p.m.	
Madison	10:41 a.m. 10:56 p.m.	4:26 a.m. 4:43 p.m.	51°
New Haven	11:01 a.m. 11:16 p.m.	4:50 a.m. 5:07 p.m.	50°
Stamford	11:05 a.m. 11:20 p.m.	5:04 a.m. 5:21 p.m.	48°

River Stage at Hartford: 8.41 feet at 6:30 p.m.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:11 a.m.	6:10 a.m.
Sunset	7:31 p.m.	7:32 p.m.
Moonrise	6:26 p.m.	7:39 p.m.
Moonset	5:51 a.m.	6:15 a.m.

Moon Phase

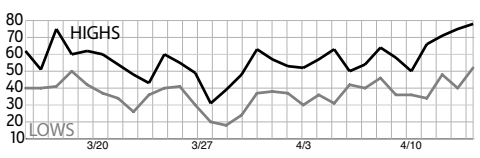
Full	Last	New	First
Apr 16	Apr 23	Apr 30	May 8

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	W/SW, 5-15	W/SW, 5-15	W/SW, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	2-4 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Thursday	78 at 3:32 p.m	52 at 6:15 a.m
Normal for date	60	38
Record for date	82 in 1941	24 in 1959
A year ago	71	46
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - April 14	4948	5448	5018

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.83 at 8 a.m.	29.70 at 4 p.m.
Dew point	60° at 5 p.m.	40° at 8 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND				Baltimore	70	47	S	Nashville	75	53	PC	San Juan	85	74	SH	Budapest	65	45	PC
Bangor	66	40	PC	Bismarck	29	15	C	New Orleans	80	69	C	Tucson	88	53	S	Buenos Aires	68	55	SH
Burlington	60	41	PC	Boise	48	37	PC	New York	68	52	S					Cairo	78	57	S
Caribou	56	36	PC	Buffalo	55	37	SH	Okla. City	79	51	PC	**WORLD**				Cancun	86	74	SH
Concord	69	41	S	Charleston	75	59	S	Omaha	53	26	PC	Amsterdam	59	39	C	Dubai	108	82	PC
Montpelier	58	39	PC	Cincinnati	66	45	PC	Orlando	88	67	PC	Athens	70	50	S	Dublin	61	48	SH
Mt. Wash.	30	22	PC	Cleveland	61	39	C	Pittsburgh	67	48	PC	Bangkok	102	84	PC	Edinburgh	59	47	C
Portland	66	42	S	Indianapolis	61	39	PC	Raleigh	75	50	S	Barbados	85	73	S	Helsinki	46	27	PC
Woods Hole	63	43	S	Jacksonville	77	61	PC	St. Louis	66	41	C	Beijing	66	43	S	Hong Kong	82	70	PC
NATION				Las Vegas	80	59	PC	Salt Lake City	55	42	SH	Beirut	71	56	PC	Istanbul	66	45	PC
Albany	67	45	PC	Miami Beach	84	74	PC	San Antonio	85	71	PC	Berlin	52	36	SH	Jerusalem	70	52	S
Albuquerque	76	45	S	Milwaukee	51	28	PC	San Diego	63	60	PC	Bermuda	74	67	PC	Johannesburg	77	54	PC
Atlantic City	68	44	S																

Kingston	88	75	PC	Stockholm	48	24	PC
Lisbon	79	55	S	Sydney	75	59	PC
London	70	48	C	Tel Aviv	69	49	PC
Madrid	75	52	S	Tokyo	55	48	R
Mexico City	92	72	PC	Toronto	54	39	SH
Milan	75	54	C	Vancouver	50	36	SH
Montreal	54	41	SH	Warsaw	57	37	SH
Moscow	54	41	S				
Nassau	79	70	T				
New Delhi	104	75	PC				
Paris	70	50	S				
Prague	61	41	SH				
Rio de Janeiro	75	61	R				
Rome	75	52	C				
Seoul	64	45	C				
Singapore	91	75	T				

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-South
MIDDLETOWN 9, PLAINVILLE 2
M 020-133-**0**—9-10-2
P 000-002-**0**—2-4-1
WP: Luke Weisenberg. **LP:** Jacob Lagassey. Rec.: **M**—3-1; **P**—1-4. **Note:** Diego Carrillo was 3-for-3 with a double, 3RBI for Middletown. Brennan Staubley was 2-for-3for Plainville.
NVL
ST. PAUL 15, OXFORD 5 (5)
SP 461-**40**—15-16-2
O 000-**14**—5-7-1
WP: Joey Tonnotti. **LP:** Nick Cerreto. **HR: SP**—Ryan Daniels (2), Mario Izzo, Casey Cerruto; **O**—Tyler LaRocque. Rec.: **SP**—4-0; **O**—2-3. **Note:** Cerruto was 2-for-3with a homer, 3RBI, Jamie Leggett was 2-for-3with a double, 3RBI and Steve Morelli was 2-for-3with a double, 2RBI.

SOFTBALL

Shoreline
VALLEY REGIONAL 22, WESTBROOK/PORTLAND 0 (6)
VR 632-00(11)—22-16-0
W 000-**000**—0-2-4
WP: Anna Benson. **LP:** Gabrielle Cordon. **HR: VR**—Taylor Rae. Rec.: **VR**—2-3; **WP**—1-3. **Note:** Benson struck out 9and was 3-for-4with 2RBI. Rae was 2-for-2with 4RBI and Samantha Pierce was 2-for-2with a double, 2RBI.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-West
AVON 101, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 37

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-West
AVON 92, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 33

THURSDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-North
WETHERSFIELD 2, ROCKY HILL 0
CCC-West
SOUTHINGTON 6, HALL 2
GLASTONBURY 17, AVON 8
CCC-Inter
BRISTOL CENTRAL 4, FARMINGTON 3
NCCC
WINDSOR LOCKS 4, SMSA 2
WL 030-000-**1**—4-9-5
S 002-000-**0**—2-3-5
WP: Wright. **LP:** Z. Godbee. Rec.: **WL**—1-2; **S**—2-4.
COVENTRY 19, BOLTON 0 (5)
WP: Ethan Hunt. **LP:** Ben Post. **HR: C**—Gavin Covell (2), Evan Menzel. Rec.: **C**—3-2; **B**—0-3. **Note:** Covell was 4-for-5with a grand slam, double, 7RBI and Menzel was 3-for-5with 5RBI.
GRANBY 12, SUFFIELD 0
SOMERS 7, ELLINGTON 6
Shoreline
CROMWELL 13, WESTBROOK 0
OLD LYME 7, PORTLAND 4
CTC
WILCOX TECH 7, WHITNEY TECH 0
CHENEY TECH 18, GOODWIN TECH 3
VINAL TECH 10, PRINCE TECH 3
CRAL
UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL 23, CAPITAL PREP 0 (5)
SCC
XAVIER 4, NORTH HAVEN 0
CHESHIRE 5, GUILFORD 4
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 11, MONTVILLE 0
BA 101-024-**3**—11-7-2
M 000-000-**0**—0-2-2
WP: John Novak. **LP:** Miles Sarmiento. Rec.: **BA**—5-0; **M**—1-4. **Note:** Novak tossed a 2-hit shutout with 12strikeouts, 1walk and was 3-for-4with 4RBI. Chris Lusignan was 2-for-4 with 4RBI and James Gumbs had a hit, 4walks, 4 runs scored.
Others
RHAM 12, STAFFORD 2 (5)
R 302-**16**—12-11-0
S 020-**00**—2-1-8
WP: Bradley D'Amico. **LP:** Jaden Reynolds. Rec.: **R**—4-0; **S**—3-1. **Note:** Mike Poncini was 3-for-3 with 2doubles, 4RBI. D'Amico and Sean Connolly each had 2hits, 2RBI.
MIDDLETOWN 6, ROCKVILLE 4
M 600-013-**2**—6-11-2
R 000-103-**0**—4-3-1
WP: Caleb Reed. **LP:** Jacob Niemczyk. Rec.: **M**—4-1; **R**—1-4.
EAST WINDSOR 10, MLC 0 (6)
M 000-**000**—0-1-2
EW 006-**112**—10-9-0
WP: Matt Blachuta. **LP:** Trey Moses. Rec.: **EW**—1-2; **M**—0-1.
HAND 10, CONARD 6

SOFTBALL

CCC-North
BLOOMFIELD 17, BULKELEY 7 (5)
CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 8, PLATT 0
CCC-Inter
RHAM 3, PLAINVILLE 2
P 100-010-**0**—2-2-1
R 010-002-**x**—3-5-3
WP: Hadley Marchand. **LP:** Grace Geddes. Rec.: **R**—5-0; **P**—3-1. **Note:** Marchand had 13 strikeouts. Natalie Assunto was 2-for-2and Mya Strumskas had 2RBI for RHAM. Amanda Linnhoff was 2-for-3with an RBI for Plainville.
HALL AT WINDSOR, PPD.
Shoreline
CROMWELL 22, WESTBROOK/PORTLAND 0 (5)
W 000-**00**—0-1-0
C 962-**5x**—22-12-0
WP: Lilly Kenney. **LP:** Gabby Cordon. **HR: C**—Malena Signorello. Rec.: **C**—6-1; **W**—1-4. **Note:** Signorello hit a grand slam.

CTC
WILCOX TECH 20, WHITNEY TECH 2
GOODWIN TECH AT CHENEY TECH, PPD.
PRINCE TECH AT VINAL TECH, PPD.
SCC
WEST HAVEN 21, LYMAN HALL 7
ECC
KILLINGLY 13, BACON ACADEMY 9
NVL
WATERTOWN 11, ST. PAUL 5
W 404-020-**1**—11-18-0
SP 400-000-**1**—5-9-4
WP: Paige Fekete. **LP:** Lauren Kozlak. **HR: W**—Nadia Andarowski; **SP**—Kozlak. Rec.: **W**—5-1; **SP**—1-4. **Note:** Kozlak had 5RBI, including a grand slam.
Others
ENFIELD 19, SOMERS 0
E 100-004-(14)—19-19-0
S 000-000-**0**—0-2-2
WP: Tiffany Lubanski. **LP:** Madison Hinkley. **HR: E**—Lubanski (2). Rec.: **E**—4-1; **S**—3-2. **Note:** Lubanski struck out 14and was 3-for-4with 2 home runs, 5RBI. Taylor Lathrop was 3-for-4with 3triples, 2RBI and Olivia Stebbins was 3-for-5 with 2RBI.
WINDHAM 9, PARISH HILL 3
W 101-030-**4**—9-7-1
PH 000-100-**2**—3-3-4
WP: Analise Escarramann. **LP:** Kristie Zator. Rec.: **W**—5-1; **PH**—1-3. **Note:** Escarramann struck out 19and was 2-for-4at the plate. Alyssa Lebiszczak had 3doubles, 3runs scored for Windham. Zator had 2doubles, 2runs scored.
ELLINGTON 14, MANCHESTER 2
COGINCHAUG 5, MIDDLETOWN 0
MERCY 4, ROCKVILLE 1
MLC AT EAST WINDSOR/SMSA, PPD.

BOYS LACROSSE

Shoreline
NORTH BRANFORD 14, OLD LYME 5

SCC
LYMAN HALL 18, HAMDEN 9

Others
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 20, ST. PAUL 6
AVON 11, SOMERS 10
ROCKVILLE CO-OP 15, WINDSOR 2
E.O. SMITH 14, NORWICH TECH/WINDHAM TECH 3

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-South
BRISTOL EASTERN 11, ENFIELD 5
CCC-Inter
CONARD 20, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 5
Goals: C—Sophia Lynch (5), Nicole Gorman (3), Olivia Hole (3), Ruby Czajkowski (2), Gracelyn Williams (2), Leah Williams (2), Courtney McPhee (2), Dani DiGiacomo; **NWC**—Elizabeth LeBlanc (2), Charlotte Brenner (2), Alina Cote. **Saves: NWC**—Nora Reardon and Mariah Hill, 10; **NWC**—Gabby Hutchinson, 10. Rec.: **C**—2-2; **NWC**—0-3. **Note:** Hole also had 5assists.
Shoreline
NORTH BRANFORD 22, OLD LYME 12
OLD SAYBROOK 16, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 2
SCC
SHEEHAN 17, HAMDEN 6
LAW 11, LYMAN HALL 10
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 19, MONTVILLE 6
Others
SOUTH WINDSOR 12, ELLINGTON 9
Goals: SW—Maliya Haddock (4), Hailey Deptula (4), Carly Pitruzzello, Toria Jarvis, Taryn Suffish, Kaylie Guerrera; **E**—Anna Bocchino (5), Kaitlyn Boone (3), Megan Johndrow. **Saves: SW**—Ciara Styles and Catherine Downes, 5; **E**—Alison Kozik, 7. Rec.: **SW**—3-0; **E**—2-2.
CHESHIRE 15, GLASTONBURY 7
CROMWELL 16, ROCKY HILL 8
TOLLAND 7, SOMERS 5
GUILFORD AT SIMSBURY, PPD.
WETHERSFIELD AT GRANBY, PPD.
WEST SPRINGFIELD (MASS.) AT EAST CATHOLIC, PPD.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Others
ENFIELD 3, NORWICH TECH 0 (25-3, 25-11, 25-13
E: Dillon Hudson, 6kills, 1ace, Jacob Gerard, 7 aces, 2kills. Rec.: **E**—5-0; **NT**—2-3.
ROCKVILLE 3, BULKELEY/SMSA 0

BOYS GOLF

Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 187, COGINCHAUG 201
Medalist: Colin Murphy, Coginchaug, 35at Lyman Orchards GC, Middlefield.
OLD LYME 216, VALLEY REGIONAL 223
Medalist: Pat Flanagan, Old Lyme, 43at Black Hall Club, Old Lyme.
PORTLAND 167, NORTH BRANFORD 196
Medalist: Joe LaMalfa, Portland, 37at Portland GC.

CTC
GOODWIN TECH 236, KAYNOR TECH 249
Medalist: Jake Ashmore, Kaynor Tech at Stanley GC, New Britain.
SCC
FAIRFIELD PREP 154, HAND 184

Others
HAMDEN 175, MALONEY 186

BOYS TENNIS

Shoreline
VALLEY REGIONAL 6, OLD SAYBROOK 1
WESTBROOK 6, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 1
SCC
AMITY 4, CHESHIRE 3
HAMDEN 7, LYMAN HALL 0
HAND 6, GUILFORD 1
Others
PLATT/MALONEY 7, WILCOX TECH 0

GIRLS TENNIS

Shoreline
WESTBROOK 6, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 0
VALLEY REGIONAL 7, OLD SAYBROOK 0
SCC
HAMDEN 5, LYMAN HALL 2
Others
WILCOX TECH 6, PLATT 1
NEWINGTON 5, WOLCOTT 1

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CCC-**South:** Bristol Eastern at Plainville, 1p.m.
Shoreline: North Branford at Old Saybrook, 11 a.m.; Hale-Ray at Haddam-Killingworth, 1p.m.; East Hampton at Coginchaug, 1p.m.
CTC: Norwich Tech at Windham Tech, 4p.m.
Others: Hartford Public/Aerospace at SMSA, 3:30p.m.; Bloomfield co-op at Hillhouse/Career, 4p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-**Inter:** Simsbury at Lewis Mills, 3:45p.m.
Shoreline: Haddam-Killingworth at Hale-Ray, 11a.m.
CTC: Windham Tech at Norwich Tech, 10a.m.
Others: Windsor Locks at Avon, 3:45p.m.; Pomperaug at Bristol Eastern, 4:15p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Shoreline: Cromwell at Old Lyme, noon

GIRLS TENNIS

Shoreline: Cromwell at Old Lyme, 2p.m.

REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn baseball holds off Seton Hall rally

Austin Peterson went seven innings and the No. 18 UConn baseball team held off a ninth-inning rally for a 7-6 Big East Conference win at Seton Hall on Friday at South Orange, N.J.

After the Pirates rallied with two in the ninth, Justin Willis struck out the final two batters with the tying run on second to secure the win and his seventh save.

UConn (26-7, 4-0) hit four home runs as Eric Stock, Zach Bushling, Dana Casey and Ben Huber all circled the bases. Peterson improved to 7-0 and the Huskies have now won seven straight.

Yard Goats rained out: The Hartford Yard Goats' game at the New Hampshire Fisher Cats was postponed due to rain and will be made up as part of a doubleheader on Friday beginning at 5:05 p.m. in Manchester New Hampshire. The Yard Goats have opened the Eastern League season at 3-2. The Northeast Division six-game series continues through Sunday.

— Staff reports

WEDNESDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S LACROSSE

WESLEYAN 20, TRINITY 14
EMMANUEL 14, ST. JOSEPH 13 (OT)

THURSDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

UCONN 7, SETON HALL 6
CENTRAL 5, SACRED HEART 3
MONMOUTH 7, QUINNIPIAC 4
FAIRFIELD 12, MANHATTAN 4

SOFTBALL

HOLY CROSS 6-5, CENTRAL 0-1
WESTERN 4-4, ST. JOSEPH 2-2

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

EASTERN 25, RIC 4

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Central at Sacred Heart, 1p.m.
Monmouth at Quinnipiac, 1p.m.
Fairfield at Manhattan, 2p.m.
Trinity at Amherst, 3:30p.m.
Eastern at Southern Maine (2), 3:30p.m.
Wesleyan at Hamilton, 4p.m.
Hartford at UMass Lowell, 6p.m.

SOFTBALL

Sacred Heart at LIU (2), 1p.m.
Fairfield at Monmouth (2), 1p.m.
Castleton at Eastern (2), 2p.m.
Albany at Hartford, 3p.m.
Wesleyan at Williams, 5p.m.
Providence at UConn, 7:30p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Brandeis at Wesleyan, 4p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Brandeis at Wesleyan, 12:30p.m.
UConn at Rhode Island, 2:30p.m.

BIG EAST BASEBALL

Standings

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	4-0	1.000	26-7	.788
Creighton	4-0	1.000	19-8	.704
Xavier	2-2	.500	18-17	.514
Seton Hall	2-2	.500	8-24	.250
Georgetown	3-4	.429	21-13	.618
Villanova	3-4	.429	11-17-1	.397
Butler	1-3	.250	15-19	.441
St. John's	0-4	.000	12-22	.353

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

UCONN 7, SETON HALL 6
CREIGHTON 5, ST. JOHN'S 3
XAVIER 8, VILLANOVA 7
GEORGETOWN 14, BUTLER 8

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Villanova at Xavier, 1p.m.
Georgetown at Butler, 4p.m.

BIG EAST SOFTBALL

Standings

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	13-2	.867	26-13	.667
Providence	8-4	.667	21-12	.636
Villanova	8-4	.667	20-19	.513
Butler	9-5	.643	22-14	.611
DePaul	6-6	.500	17-19	.472
Seton Hall	5-8	.385	16-16	.500
Creighton	4-10	.286	14-18	.438
St. John's	4-11	.267	10-27	.270
Georgetown	2-9	.182	12-21	.364

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

SETON HALL 11, GEORGETOWN 1 (5)
VILLANOVA 12, CREIGHTON 2

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Seton Hall at Georgetown, 1p.m.
St. John's at DePaul (2), 1p.m.
Villanova at Creighton, 2p.m.
Providence at UConn, 7:30p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings

Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Hartford	3	2	.600	—
New Hampshire	3	2	.600	—
Somerset	3	2	.600	—
Binghamton	2	3	.400	1
Portland	2	3	.400	1
Reading	2	3	.400	1
Southwest	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Richmond	2	1	.667	—
Erie	3	2	.600	—
Harrisburg	3	2	.600	—
Akron	2	3	.400	1
Bowie	2	3	.400	1
Altoona	1	2	.333	1

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

HARTFORD 8, NEW HAMPSHIRE 5
HARRISBURG 3, PORTLAND 2
ERIE 3, SOMERSET 0
RICHMOND 10, ALTOONA 6
BOWIE 4, BINGHAMTON 3
READING 3, AKRON 1

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

HARTFORD AT NEW HAMPSHIRE, PPD.
PORTLAND AT HARRISBURG, LATE
ERIE AT SOMERSET, LATE
ALTOONA AT RICHMOND, LATE
BOWIE AT BINGHAMTON, LATE
READING AT AKRON, LATE

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Hartford at New Hampshire (2), 5p.m.
Erie at Somerset, 6:30p.m.
Altoona at Richmond, 6:30p.m.
Bowie at Binghamton, 6:30p.m.
Portland at Harrisburg, 7p.m.
Reading at Akron, 7p.m.

AHL

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Laval at Cleveland, late